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Contemporary Follies

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Evolver

Evolver is a sculpture erected for the Zermatt Festival, an annual chamber music event featuring the Berlin Philharmonic. As an architectural artifact, Evolver intervenes spatially on the panorama surrounding Zermatt. To take full advantage of the views, the project sits next to Lake Stelli, at an altitude of 2,536 meters. The structure consists of a succession of twenty-four rotating frames supporting an enclosed space. As visitors progress through the space, a concealed but uninterrupted 720-degree movement unravels along a transformed panorama. This transformation occurs as people move through a series of openings, only to be caught in a sequence of unexpected views from the original landscape.

