

# Project Fact Sheet: Letterman Digital Arts Center

## **Letterman Digital Arts Center** Presidio of San Francisco

### **Construction**

Started: Feb. 2002  
Completed: June 2005

### **Total Stonework Tonnage** 2200 tons

### **Landscape Architect** Lawrence Halprin

### **Stonemasonry**

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### **Overview**

Letterman Digital Arts Center, a 23-acre campus on the site of the former Letterman Army Hospital in the Presidio, will serve as the new San Francisco home for Lucasfilm Ltd. The campus includes 800,000 square feet of office space, four buildings, and 17 acres of park land that is open to the public.

### **QuarryHouse Involvement**

Lawrence Halprin served as the Master Planner and Landscape Architect of the 23 acre campus. QuarryHouse was hired to implement his vision in stone. The centerpiece of the project is a 500 foot long meandering stream constructed from the remnants of a stream bed purchased from a Northern California rancher. Using Halprin's design, QuarryHouse artisans fit the remnants together like a giant puzzle, anchoring each boulder with a stainless steel rod to ensure the safety of visitors.

Stone pillars welcome guests at the park's pedestrian entrance on Chestnut Street and the newly constructed entrance at Lyon Street, while two stone belvederes provide outlooks to take in the beauty of the park, which includes fountains, rolling hills and a lagoon flanked by large boulders. QuarryHouse stonemasons also installed resting stones in a lagoon-side plaza, each placed to offer a distinct view of the San Francisco Bay, Golden Gate Bridge, Tiburon, and Alcatraz Island.

### **Key Stonework Elements**

- 500 foot long stone stream
- Stone-flanked lagoon
- Two stone belvederes
- Stone pillars at the park's two entrances
- Stone walls, stairs and paving

### **About QuarryHouse**

Since 1993, QuarryHouse has specialized in the "Art of Legacy", using both traditional and innovative techniques and stone building materials from around the world to create lasting structures. QuarryHouse's team of artisans uses stone to create homes, countertops and fireplaces, as well as hardscape items for residential gardens and public outdoor spaces, including footpaths, fountains, bridges, walls and amphitheatres. Notable public projects include the National AIDS Memorial Grove, The Agave Trail on Alcatraz Island, Stern Grove Amphitheater and the restoration of Yosemite Falls.

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