



THE MOUND

A MEDITATION ON WATER
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Perhaps there are very few major cities in the world whose civic symbol is related to water. It would be safe to assume that there are even less, or perhaps none, that celebrate a water tower like Mannheim does. The story of Mannheim and its battle for clean and pure water spans centuries; a community intent on surviving in a land with little access to clean ground water has taught us a lesson on what it means to fight for clean water with ingenuity and innovation, and finally emerge victorious, having a water tower in the centre of town to show for it.

In the presence of this town's relentless spirit for innovation and its appreciation of technology we saw it necessary to show our due respect and pay tribute to the city by focusing our project on a new public space that —just like its predecessor, the water tower— creates a space for the people to enjoy and appreciate the life-giving presence of water, while using the newest technologies of its time.

