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NEW YORK HALL OF SCIENCE TEACHING PARK
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PHASE I KIDPOWER! PLAYGROUND OPENED 1997
PHASE II GARDEN OF SCIENCE OPENED 2007

The 60,000 square-foot “Kidpower!” Playground was created to augment the interior exhibits of the Hall of Science, and was constructed for school-age children. The complimentary “Garden of Science” uses landscape as the organizing element, and is designed to engage the curiosity of pre-school children.

In the Garden of Science, opened in 2007, exuberant architectural interventions nest in a rolling landscape, creating a unique type of environment for play—education. The pioneering design was informed by the latest research on the developmental abilities of preschoolers; specifically, how a child’s play contributes to the early formation of cognitive skills. The challenge was to create a playground that both encourages activity and spurs the imagination.

BIOGRAPHY

Joan Krevlin has been involved in all aspects of project design and management since becoming a partner at BKSK Architects in 1992. Through her work as the leader of a number of highly successful projects for the City of New York, Joan has become one of the city’s foremost experts in the creation of iconic public spaces. Her work explores the relationship between form, place, and significance, and her designs take cues from a close reading of program and site, allowing the built form to serve as a tangible expression of institutional mission. The rigors of Leslie Laskey’s studio, participation in Community Design Workshops, and Charlie Brown’s introduction to environmental sustainability have served as touchstones to her practice.

PUBLICATIONS ABOUT NYHoS


The Exhibitionist, 2/2008, “A New Way to Play” by Joan Krevlin