

# The Barnes Foundation

case study  
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Location: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA



**Architect:** Todd Williams + Billie Tsien

**Owner:** Barnes Foundation

**Year of completion:** 2012

**Climate:** Humid Subtropical Climate (Koppen Climate Classification: Cfa)

**Material of interest:** Limestone

**Application:** Exterior

**Properties of material:** The exterior limestone is called Ramon Grey, and was quarried in the Negev Desert and cut and finished in the West Bank. It was chosen to express weight and permanence in relation to the contents of the building.

**Sources:**

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