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Design is about **Playing!**

Preface by Gregory H. Graves, PLA, ASLA

Berliner seems to understand the importance of child de-Playgrounds have special meaning because they are the workplace for children. As Mr. Rogers said, "Play is often velopment, and tries to provide a range of physical challenges that help children test their skills and build their confidence. talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children play is serious learning. Play is really the work of They offer equipment that has lots of uses and encourages childhood." This is a place where children develop physically imagination and interaction. The limitations of use are left to and socially, and learn how to use their imagination. Sports the individual and not determined by a prescribed "you can fields are for playing specific games with pre-determined rules only use this one way" approach. The designers and represenand spatial requirements. Playgrounds are for exploration and tatives are eager to help make my designing experience as unregulated games, with uses that are limited only by one's easy yet informed as possible. They are always willing to look imagination. And playgrounds are for all ages, abilities, and "outside the box" with me for something that will provide the stages of development. Also, vital life-coping skills may be "wow" factor I look for in each design, regardless of the size acquired and practiced on a playground. Having these of the playground. They get it! thoughts in mind and knowing the direct impact the end product will have on people, I feel a greater sense of respon-I love the way Berliner's equipment is designed to give kids sibility about what I am doing. The playground is more than the choice of playing together or alone. The climbing strucamusement for kids; it's got to be a safe place for learning tures are fantastic at this. The shapes and configurations are with lots of options and endless possibilities. That makes the inspiring and let a child's imagination run wild without heavy planning and design of playgrounds special. It has much themes that sometimes limit and over-direct their creativity. more meaning than just "fun."

ment. And the nodes and nooks for children to pause and The challenges in playground design are about as numerous as the opportunities. One has to accommodate not only the physical and social needs of all the playground users, but also their safety as they participate. There are spectators to consider, play value and durability of equipment, maintenance limitations, and budget constraints. How do you provide the as a designer I can dream and imagine before the kids do! best combination of amenities with the most play value at the most reasonable cost? It becomes a true balancing act that About Gregory H. Graves, PLA, ASLA must be skillfully executed. Some of the biggest unintended Corporate Landscape Architect Group Lead, J-U-B ENGINEERS, Inc consequences of a poor design are mediocrity and lost chances for something great. The kids see it first, and those Mr. Graves has over 33 years of experience as a landscape architect and focused only on budgets wonder why no one comes, or why been involved in the design of over 60 individual park and recreation kids are so quickly bored. projects, including playgrounds, sports fields, and associated amenities.

Thank you!

We benefit from creative exchange - something unique arises. Every project, every playground – every "learning room" is At the same time, our potential to find and implement customsomething special for us! We try to create places where children enjoy moving, discovering things, taking "calculable risks" made solutions is fully exploited. - and thus learning. Playgrounds should provide the possibility We thank our customers for every project we have been to develop on a physical and social level. The cooperation with involved in. We appreciate the work with you! Special thanks architects and landscape architects is of great importance for go out to the architects and landscape architects for their comus as a manufacturer. mentaries on their projects in this brochure!



Being able to combine pieces together with slides and bridges and connections really adds to the versatility of the equipwatch without leaving the action are great. There seems to be less abuse of how things are used because there are so many different options to consider first. Boredom is rarely seen. And the ability to customize a piece of equipment is priceless. Now

Berliner Seilfabrik, February 2019

A Place full of Adventures! **Backyards Linear Park**

The Backyard at Esencia extends far beyond any private yard, offering numerous options for play and socializing. The adven-ture playground harmonizes well with the location's topogra-phy. A Terranos low-rope course invites to follow the path up a Trii connecting with a PentaBoo and a DoubleBoo (Greenville). Once one is tired of climbing the O'Tannebaum (HodgePodge) provides endless spinning in circles.



Location Northwalk Neighborhood, Village of Esencia, Rancho Mission Viejo, CA



Berliner Product Line Greenville, HodgePodge, Terranos & Terranova, Custom-made



Client Rancho Mission Viejo Company



Agency / Architect Land Concern / LA Design Team: Lindsey Givens, Jill Sweeney, Akin Smith



Construction Phase



2017/06 – 2018/05





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Architect's Commentary

"Multi-story tree houses connected by high-flying catwalks and cascading nets set the scene for this bold playground and its spinning, balancing, climbing and sliding adventures."

"It was a pleasure working with Berliner to develop this thrilling project to provide residents with a place for adventure and fun." (Lindsey Givens, Land Concern)



Tags Adventure, Challenge, Thrill



Architect's Favorite The PentaBoo

Contact: www.landconcern.com



Climbing in industrial Surroundings! Gas Works, Seattle

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Centerpiece of the new playground at Seattle's Gas Works Park is the spatial net climber Neptun (Univers Classics) with a height of more than 18' and a curved tube slide. Combined with a play house, a nest swing and a carousel, this playground offers fun for children in all age groups in industrial surroundings.



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Location Gas Works Park, 2101 Northlake W



Berliner Product Line Univers, HodgePodge, CombiNation

City of Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation

Agency / Architect Seattle Parks inhouse Engineering & Design Services Group, Pamela Alspaugh, Sr. Landscape Architect

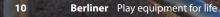
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2014 – 2017

Construction Phase 2018/02 - 2018/12















Architect's Commentary

"This Play Area Renovation Project preplaced a 1974 Richard Haag designed play area in Gas Works Park, a Seattle Historic Landmark listed on the National Register of Historic Places." (Pamela Alspaugh, Sr. Landscape Architect, Seattle Parks inhouse Engineering & Design Services Group)



Tags Industrial, Challenging, Unique



Architect's Favorite "The Cloud 9 swing is my favorite piece because so many different types of people use it, lying there together looking dreamily at the sky."

An Activity Landscape on a Car Park Roof! Park'n'Play, Konditaget Lüders, Copenhagen (DK)

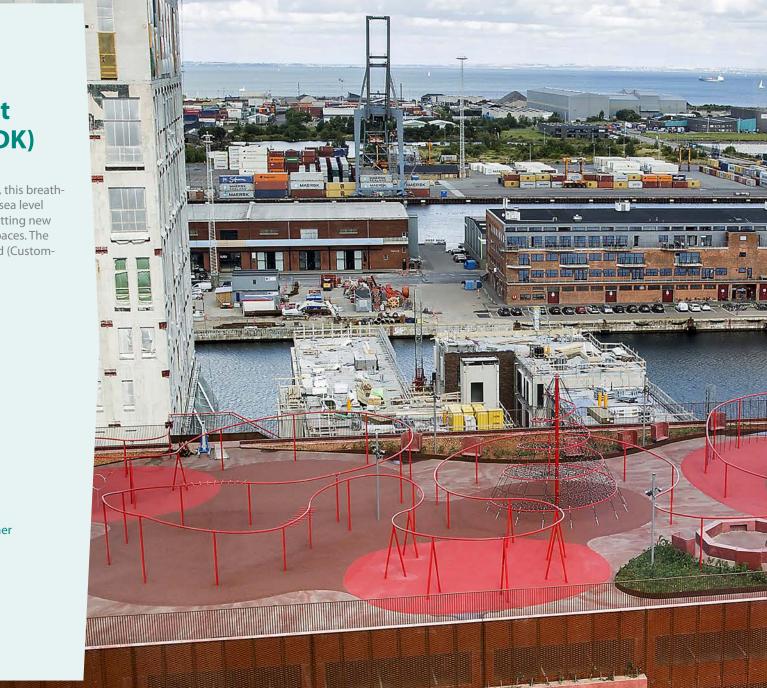
Surrounded by the harbor scenery of Copenhagen, this breathtaking playground is located almost 80 feet above sea level on the roof of a multi-story parking garage, thus setting new standards in understanding the design of public spaces. The highlight is the nearly 27 foot-tall climbing pyramid (Custommade).

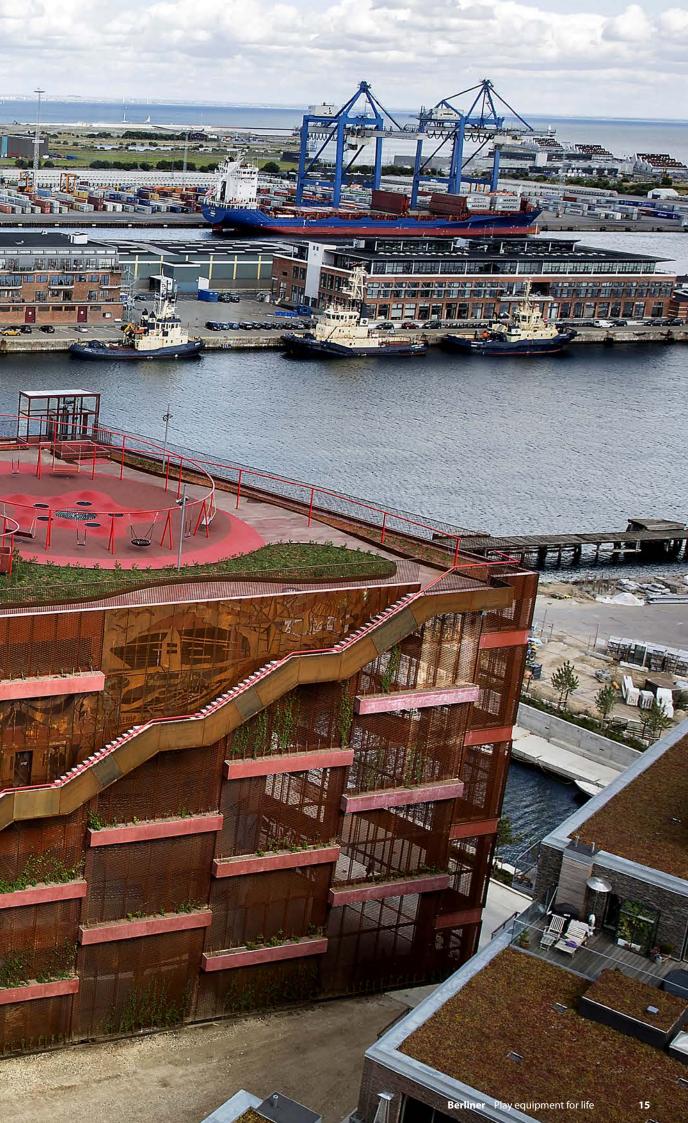


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Carlo **Construction Phase** 2015 – 2016

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Architect's Commentary

"Konditaget Lüders aka. "PARK'N'PLAY" is a hybrid structure between parking house and playground. It rethinks the monofunctional parking house and transforms what is often an infrastructural necessity into a public amenity 78 feet above ground." (Kathrin Susanna Gimmel, JaJa Architects ApS)

Tags Play, Hang-out, Exercise \bigcirc \bigcirc

Architect's Favorite The Trampoline Ring. Jumping from one trampoline to another with a view over the city is great fun and excercise.

About

Working across scale and traditional boundaries, JAJA strives to create architecture, landscape, and urban planning from a holistic perspective. We aim to make each intervention a distinct, yet natural part of its environment, to create a dialogue between the project and the inherent qualities of the location. We believe that projects with strong roots in their physical environment create greater experiences and added value, not only to the project but also to the surrounding community.

Contact: www.ja-ja.dk



Play Blast Up on the Hill! Hilltop Park, San Francisco

This varied Playground atop San Francisco's Bayview Hill contents of various different play equipment. To name just a few: From two Berliner Spaceballs (Univers Classics) in different sizes connected via a Bridge, positioned next to a Cosmo (Univers), to play points from URBAN DESIGN and Hodge Podge, a whole range of play functions are offered. Children can swing, see-saw on the Abacus, and spin on the merry-gorounds (O'Tannebaum and Disk). The hillside slides offer even more play value.



LocationHilltop Park, San Francisco, CA 94124

Overall Playground Size 152,460 SF

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Berliner Product Line Univers, URBAN DESIGN, HodgePodge

(بنها) Client San Francisco Parks Department

> Agency / Architect Miller Company Landscape Architects, Inc.

Planning Phase 2014/02 - 2015/12



Construction Phase 2016/01 - 2015





Architect's Commentary

The revitalization of the 3.5 acre Hilltop "Sundial" Park, set atop San Francisco's Bayview Hill includes a colorful bi-level celestial themed playground offering climbing orbs, slides, swings, water play, and natural boulders, a state of the art skate park, adult exercise equipment, picnic and barbecue facilities, and a large central lawn near the brilliantly repainted iconic sundial surrounded by new native

Tags Multi generational Activity

Architect's Favorite "The linkage between the hillside slides, swings, and climbing orbs."







A UFO has landed in San Francisco! MTA Unity Plaza, San Francisco

A whole galaxy, challenging for anybody trying to discover it! This UFO fascinates with clear design, high play value und a maximum of transparency.

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1002-1040 Ocean Ave, San Francisco, CA 94112 **Overall Playground Size**

• Berliner Product Line UFOs

Location

15,000 SF

Client

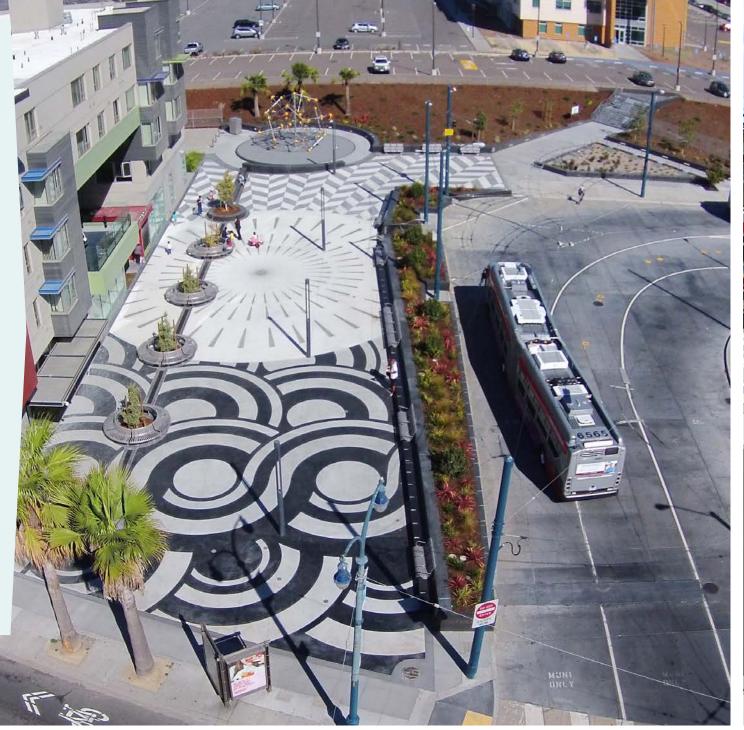
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency

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Agency / Architect San Francisco Public Works Jasmine Kaw, Landscape Architect and Project Design Lead

Carl **Construction Phase** September 2016 (Completed)

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Architect's Commentary

"Formerly a major bus terminal station and bus loop in the southern edge of San Francisco, the public plaza was created as a part of the community's and the City's long term vision to enhance community building and place making for a transitional neighborhood that sorely needed a town hall.

(Jasmine Kaw, Landscape Architect and Project Design Lead San Francisco Public Works)



 Tags

 Aesthetically pleasing, functionally
 appropriate and environmentally sound



Architect's Favorite Berliner UFO-M9

An accessible, multi-generational climbing structure which activates the quiet north end of the plaza can be seen from Ocean Avenue. Tallest point of structure is 19'-6" from the ground.

Contact www.sfpublicworks.org

Chicago's Green Play Space! Prairie District Park, Chicago

The urban playground in Chicago's Prairie District Park encompasses the tree house Trii3 that is connected to a Peak (Greenville) via a low-rope-course from Terranos & Terranova. The play area is rounded off by a combination of two playhouses for the youngest (Spooky Rookies), a carousel (URBAN DESIGN), and a nest swing (HodgePodge).



Location2051 S Prairie Ave., Chicago IL 60616 Location



 Berliner Product Line
 Greenville, Terranos & Te Greenville, Terranos & Terranova, URBAN DESIGN, Spooky Rookies

Client MPEA (Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority)

Agency / Architect site design group, ltd. Masterplan: TGDA (Terry Guen Design Associates)

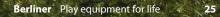


Planning Phase 2015/04 - 2016/09

Cra . **Construction Phase** 2016/09 – 2017/07

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"Surrounded by native plants, locally-sourced lime-stone outcropping boulders, and nature-inspired play pieces, the playground aimed to create an urban treehouse aesthetic, inspired by Swiss Family Robinson."

(Hana Ishikawa, Design Principal, Site Design Group)



Tags Treehouse, Nature inspired, Elevated (on Stilts)



Architect's Favorite Greenville

Contact: www.tgda.net www.site-design.com



A new Climbing Hotspot! Paris Street Playground, Boston

SWANS

This perfect combination of the spatial net climber Spaceball (Univers) and different climbing elements from Terranos & Terranova not only captivates by its high play value, but also by its consistent color selection that adopts ideally to the surroundings.



 Paris Street Playground, East Boston, Boston, Massachusetts 02128



Overall Playground Size Approx. 32,670 SF

Berliner Product Line Univers, Terranos & Terranova

Agency / Architect

Location

CBA Landscape Architects LLC Team: Clara Batchelor, Principal-in-Charge Megan Tomkins, Projekt Landscape Architect

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2013/03 (Design)
Construction Phase



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Architects' Commentary

"Redesigned by CBA Landscape Architects LLC in 2013, the park was re-imagined to serve children of all ages throughout the community and to promote safety and a wide variety of physical activity." (Clara Batchelor, Principal-in-Charge

Megan Tomkins, Projekt Landscape Architect, CBA)



Architect's Favorite

...one of CBA's favorite features of the park is the graphic language that ties all the elements together. The "solar system" theme was selected by the community during the public process.

Contact www.cbaland.com

The perfect Neighborhood Playground! Brookside, Utah

This breathtaking playground impresses with its wide range of physical exercise that consists of 3-D net climbers, like the Berliner Neptun and Cosmo (Univers), different climbing ele-ments, various play points and slides. At the same time the play equipment adapts perfectly to topographical events.

2 Location 4863 Fish Hook Rd, South Jordan, UT 84095



Overall Playground Size 26,839 SF

 Berliner Product Line
 Univers, URBAN DESIGN, HodgePodge, Terranos & Terranova

Client

Daybreak Communities



Agency / Architect G. Brown Design, Inc

Planning Phase 2012/05 – 2012/11

CAR **Construction Phase** 2012/10 – 2013/11



Architect's Commentary

"A unique park with a wide variety of activities and passive uses incorporated into the surrounding topography."

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Tags Fun, Adventure, Diversity

Architect's Favorite Cosmo.11

About

G. Brown Design motto: "Design Excellence, Create Place, Build Community, Unlock Imagination"

Contact: www.gbrowndesign.com





Europe's longest public Space climbing Facility! Aventura, Medebach, (GER)

Just over 550' long, a succession of wildly different tunnels and bridges, balance play elements and rubber mats snake their way through various towers towards the top of the mountain.



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Location Sonnenallee 1, 59964 Medebach

Berliner Product Line Greenville, URBAN DESIGN, Terranos & Terranova, Custom-made

Client Touristik-Gesellschaft Medebach mbH

Gasse/Schumacher/Schramm

Planning Phase 2013 – 2015

Agency / Architect

Construction Phase 2015/04 – 09/2015

Drone Photo: © Peter Beckmann



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Architect's Commentary

"Aventura – the Spielberg Medebach – is the most beautiful climbing landscape for children and families in the Sauerland, a tourist magnet on the edge of the CenterParcs without financial and time limits." (Martin Gasse, Landscape Architect, Partner at Gasse/Schumacher/Schramm)



Architect's Favorite

My favorite play equipment is the rope climbing equipment that really makes it possible for many children to play at the same time, according to their abilities – and in all seasons.

What I like most of Aventura playground is the Lying Net at the highest spot, which rewards you with the greatest panoramic view over the whole Sauerland.

Contact:

www.gasse-schumacher-schramm.de



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The compact but full-on Playworld in Manhattan! Hudson Park & Boulevard

This colorful Berliner Geoball (Geos) in Manhattan is ideal for climbing at the inside or outside. The numerous add-on elements of HDPE panels, loop ropes, hammocks, climbing ropes and a net funnel make this play equipment even more diverse than it already is. The round shape of the Geoball provides an inspiring contrast to the angular skyline in the background.



Location

527-533 West 35th Street, New York, NY 10001



Overall Playground Size 5,410 SF



Berliner Product Line Geos

Client Hudson Yards Development Corporation

Agency / Architect Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates, Inc.

Planning Phase 2011/5 – 2013/12

CER **Construction Phase** 2013/12 - 2015/07



Round and round it goes! Heron Landing **Community Park**

The first round rope play structure (Cosmo) offers exciting play options! Apart from the possibility to climb in three-dimensional space, the large selection of add-ons leaves nothing to be desired. The ball formed from 12 rubber mats in the center of the Cosmo base is an invitation to "have plenty of fun".

Location 2 11750 Justinian Dr, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742



Overall Playground Size 53,000 SF

Berliner Product Line

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Univers, HodgePodge

Client Cordova Recreation and Park District

Agency / Architect NA. HLA Group (Sacramento CA), Greg Hauser & Andrea Strahlo (HLA)

Planning Phase "Decade long planning"

Construction Phase 2016/10 – 2017/11





Architects' Commentary

"A community space that encourages people to gather, play and socialize." (Greg Hauser & Andrea Strahlo, HLA)



Tags Variety of Play Experience, (Nature themed)

Architect's Favorite The Berliner Cosmo.20 and Palmetto Saucer.

Contact: www.hlagroup.com

A new Highlight for Families in Brisbane! **Roma Street Parkland, Brisbane (AUS)**

The play equipment of this new adventure playground perfectly complements the park's natural topography, stretching across its crater-like valley on varying levels. Erected at different heights, three Greenville tree houses (Trii) are interconnected via bridges and a net tunnel, which enables them to be accessed one after another, in seamless succession.



Location 1 Parkland Blvd, Brisbane City QLD 4000, Australia



Overall Playground Size 4,306 SF

Berliner Product Line Greenville, Terranos & Terranova, URBAN DESIGN, Custom-made



Agency / Architect JFP Urban Consultants, Kristine Hiley, Sr. Landscape Architect



Planning Phase 2015/10 – 2016/09



Construction Phase 2017/08 – 2017/11

Architect's Commentary

"The Roma Street Parklands Children's Garden & Playground is a place of discovery, adventure and fun underpinned by a horticultural theme and set within a lush subtropical park."

(Kristine Hiley Sr. Landscape Architect, JFP Urban Consultants)



Tags Discovery, Adventure, Subtropical

Architect's Favorite

The linked Trii Towers – getting children up in the canopies of the surrounding Fig Trees.

About

JFP is a multi-disciplinary urban consulting practice with a history of over 75 years of continuous contribution to the development of the urban environment. JFP continues to demonstrate its strengths today in the design and delivery of a diverse range of urban projects; from public realm, commercial, industrial, residential, retail, leisure and mixeduse projects to major infrastructure projects.

Contact www.jfp.com.au











Another Mountain for Utah! Neptune Park, Utah

The centerpiece of this playground, a 30 foot-tall climbing structure (Neptun XXL) offers unlimited play and climbing opportunities – up, down, side-to-side – that are challenging for all ages – from young children, to teens and adults alike. With its impressive mass and stature, this play structure fits perfectly into the backdrop of the surrounding mountains.

Location 2

Neptune Park, 452 W. 400 N., Saratoga Springs, UT 84045 **Overall Playground Size** 16,513 SF



Berliner Product Line Univers, URBAND DESIGN

City of Saratoga Springs

Client

Agency / Architect J-U-B ENGINEERS, Inc., Gregory H. Graves

Planning Phase 2010/07 - 2011/05



Construction Phase 2011/06 - 2012/09







Architect's Commentary

"Neptune Park is a 10-acre neighborhood park with a wonderfully diverse destination playground, community stage and gathering areas, and sports fields. The significance of this park is how representative of the City it has become. It's a place they all know and enjoy, and where they can feel inspired, safe, and comfortable enough to be themselves. It makes a difference in the quality of life there."

(Gregory H. Graves, PLA, J-U-B ENGINEERS)



Tags Unique, Fun, Iconic

Architect's Favorite

The favorite play piece for me and almost everyone who goes to the park is the Neptune XXL. It's truly unequaled in play value, physical challenge at all age levels, and enticing appearance.

About

"I believe in creating places that make a difference in people's lives. I believe that everyone deserves places to go where they feel inspired, safe and comfortable; where they can experience life through sights, sounds, touches, smells, and tastes that result in personal emotional experiences and life-long memories."

Contact: www.web.jub.com

Favorite Subject: Recess! Lowell School, DC

This unique school playground offers a maximum of physical exercise for all students during recess! Highlight is the threedimensional net climber Pegasus with its curved tunnel slide and a tree house Trii3 (Greenville) with an access net.



Lowell School, 1640 Kalmia Road NW, Washington, DC 20012



Overall Playground Size 11,000 SF



Berliner Product Line Univers, Greenville, HodgePodge



Client Lowell School

Agency / Architect LSG Landscape Architects, Luke VanBelleghem, RLA Project Manager



Planning Phase 2015/02 – 2016/04



Architect's Commentary

"The transparency and grace of the Berliner equipment helped us to realize the client's vision of enhancing the natural outdoor feel while providing high performance play opportunities." (Luke VanBelleghem, RLA Project Manager, LSG Landscape Architects)

Tags Diverse, Variety, Interactive

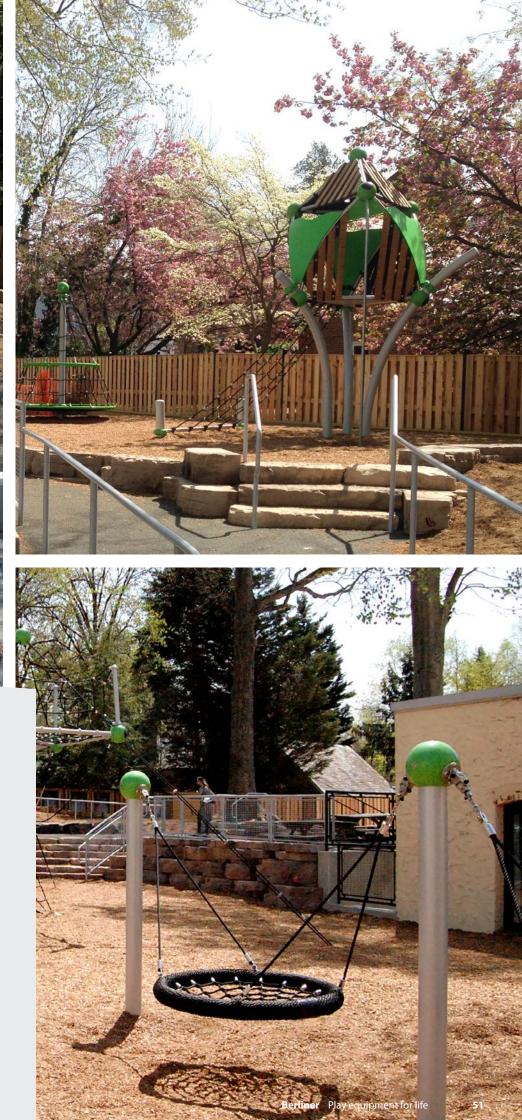
Architect's Favorite "The Cloud 9 swing is my favorite piece bethe sky."

Contact: www.lsginc.com

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cause so many different types of people use it, lying there together looking dreamily at



Everything a Child`s Heart could desire! Nathan Dubin Park, Lincoln

A playground that encompasses everything a child's heart could desire! Besides the net play house DoubleBoo (Green-ville) that is combined with a tree house (Trii2), especially the zipline (Speedway from HodgePodge) provides a lot of fun for the children. The playground is rounded off by a Monkey Jibe (URBAN DESIGN).



Location 1971 Hamersley Ln, Lincoln, CA 95648



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Agency / Architect Stantec, Project Principal: Paul Marcillac



Construction Phase 2016 (Completed)







A Roof Terrace full of Play Experience! The Modern Fort Lee

This extraordinary roof top playground on the terrace of the Modern Fort Lee provides a wide range of physical exercise! Centerpiece is a Spaceball (Univers) that offers plenty of room to climb in three-dimensional space. The Double Swingo.2.2 (URBAN DESIGN) allows rocking to four people simultaneously. A curvy balancing trail (Orbit.02), a carousel (Little Big Ben.2.1) and the playpoint Cat Tail from URBAN DESIGN complete the play experience perfectly.



Location The Modern, 800 Park Ave, Fort Lee, NJ 07024

Overall Playground Size 3,500 SF

Berliner Product Line
 Univers, URBAN DESIGN

Agency / Architect Melillo + Bauer Associates, Inc.

Planning Phase 2014/03 – 2014/06

Construction Phase 2014/00



This Neighborhood has a new Meeting Place! Landsberger Allee, Berlin (GER)

This playground entails a 20-foot-high rope play house (Custom-made), as well as three-dimensional playground equipment (Jupiter), whose external frame resembles that of an octahedron. Based on the modular system of the Berliner Seilfabrik, the two high playing constructions could be connected with numerous different Terranos low rope course elements, thereby forming a closed climbing landscape of almost 200 feet to play on!



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Location Landsberger Allee, Berlin, Germany

Berliner Product Line Univers, Terranos & Terranova, Greenville, Custom-made

Client WGLi Wohnungsgenossenschaft Lichtenberg

Agency / Architect Dipl.-Ing. Mario Bobsien

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Planning Phase 2016/03 – 2017/10

Construction Phase 2017/03 – 2017/11



Architect's Commentary

"It was about making something new and exciting from the old sadness.." (Mario Bobsien, Dipl.-Ing. Landscape Architect)

Architect's Favorite All subareas are equally important to me.

> Contact: www.buerobobsien.de



A perfect Community Space! Hillside Park, **Rancho Cordova**

Highlight of the neighborhood playground at Hillside Park in Rancho Cordova, California is a combination of two tree houses (Trii1 & Trii3) from the Greenville product range that are connected with a suspension bridge. An access net, a ladder and a banister provide interesting possibilities of ascent and descent. The balancing ladder on the slope offers a perfect challenge for little tightrope walkers.



Cordova Recreation and Park District

Stantec, Project Principal: Paul Marcillac

Architect's Commentary

"A one-of-a-kind community park that integrates hillside and flat-land play spaces for a unique, social and challenging play experience.

Whether it is the unique hillside play area, the gathering spaces, or the open grassy fields, all features of Hillside park encourage users to interact with others and play as a community." (Paul Marcillac)



Tags Community, Topography, Interactive Play



Architect's Favorite The Berliner Tri Combination

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