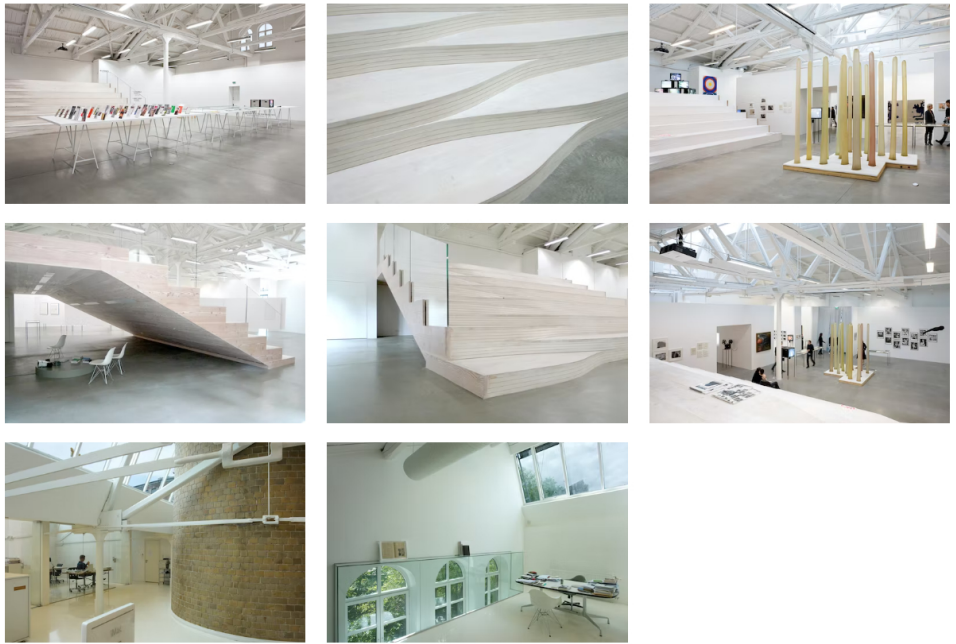




OCA Office for Contemporary Art
7, Nedre gate, Grünerløkka, Oslo, Kingdom of Norway

FIRM [Space Group Architects](#)
TYPE Cultural - Cultural Center Gallery Hall/Theater
YEAR 2008
SIZE 25,000 sqft - 100,000 sqft

OCA – Office for Contemporary Art
In 2008 Space Group completed the refurbishment of the former industrial building for the textile firm Indigo designed by architects Ove Ekman and Einar Smith and erected from 1896 to 1899. This area along the Akerselva was historically referred to as Ny York due to its explosive development in 1858. Like its sister city today the area reflects a similar transformation towards a district focused on art, architecture and design, including DogA, AHO, KHIO, and Dansens Hus and now OCA.
As architects, our goal was to reveal the space where a discourse on art could be generated rather than represented. After years of exploitation, the space is again visible, the materials accentuated, and one new element is introduced, a large stair of massive wooden planks (Douglas fir). The stair acts as an auditorium and makes the transition between the OCA offices and the project space. The stair organizes the space in three zones, providing a room for lectures and screenings, a reading room and Library of Norwegian Artists as well as the surrounding exhibition space.
The project includes offices for the OCA administration, artist studios for OCA's residence program and a 450m2 project space.



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