



PSYCHIC BODY STOREFRONT

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This storefront proposal presents two models of *Psychic Body Grotto*, a bronze structure-for-happenings to be situated in the Los Angeles State Historic Park just north of Chinatown, a short two miles away from MOCA's Storefront. PBG is designed to emerge from its environment, holding the viewer as they look out from the surrounding park, downtown to the south, the Los Angeles River to the north, and Broadway to the west. PBG is anti-Cartesian architecture. It's a series of arches that create a feeling of being in an inverted rib cage. It is a space for rituals that are waiting to be invented. It will debut when the park officially opens in Spring 2017.

Psychic Body Storefront plays with methods of display from park signage to the presentation of earth works in a gallery. Two maquettes are presented in front of a collage of maps of the Historic State Park. *Psychic Grotto 50% Scale* fills the main space of the storefront, and rests in a dune of sparkling purple sand. *Psychic Grotto X* is a bronze-cast maquette that holds a pool of the same sand, and sits on a marble-topped pedestal. The walls behind are papered with various maps of the Historic State Park: topographic, watershed, regional and base maps. The maps show where

the Park is in relation to the city and the larger region; they show elevation and topography. Here the viewer begins to imagine the full-scale original in its actual surroundings. *Psychic Body Storefront* will direct viewers to the State Park. In this way a connection is established between MOCA's storefront display and the Park downtown where Psychic Body Grotto will reside.