



new 1/3 acre expansion

existing park

- 1 gateway
- 2 yellow shadow wall with bamboo planting
- 3 activity terraces
- 4 garden terraces
- 5 illuminated seating platforms
- 6 sinuous seat walls and small group gathering areas
- 7 accessible route
- 8 central gathering area
- 9 performance space

The park expansion has transformed an existing park into an all-inclusive celebration of people and culture by adding more activities and programming to attract repeat visitation with skillful integration of the two spaces.

Credit: Applicant



Hing Hay Park is a lush respite within Seattle's fast-paced urban setting with modern placemaking elements, design details, and circulation features that reflect its multi-generational user base.
Credit: Miranda Estes Photography



The new expansion of Hing Hay Park in the heart of Seattle's Chinatown International District is located within proximity to one of the largest regional intermodal transit hubs and a destination Asian grocery.

Credit: Billy Hustace Photography



Illuminated seating platforms, stairs, and seat walls articulated by lush garden terraces provide a variety of viewing options for groups attending an evening event at Hing Hay Park.

Credit: Billy Hustace Photography



Seat walls at the edges of the gateway provide queuing areas for young dragon dancers getting ready to go on stage during one of the many community events and celebrations hosted in the park.

Credit: Billy Hustace Photography



A summer evening at Hing Hay Park illustrates how its design supports casual interaction between youth, adults, and seniors while providing clear visibility across the entire site so that all users feel safe and welcome.

Credit: Miranda Estes Photography



The design features of Hing Hay Park work together to facilitate multi-generational interaction, learning, performance, and cultural transfer.

Credit: Billy Hustace Photography



Hing Hay Park's new main gathering area, movable seating, concrete seat walls, performance space, and iconic red gateway establish a strong sense of place for the many cultures that come together in Seattle's Chinatown International District.

Credit: Billy Hustace Photography



On event days, the garden terraces and seating platforms provide seating where visitors can observe dancers, drummers, and other performers at the gateway and “stage” area below. On non-performance days, the platforms facilitate people watching and small group play.

Credit: Billy Hustace Photography



The older portion of Hing Hay Park (right) seamlessly joins the new expansion with a series of garden terraces, ADA compliant pathways, red stairs, and seating platforms that terminate at the gateway. Site lighting addresses security and supports evening programming.

Credit: Miranda Estes Photography



The red platforms' metal risers showcase lively animal and landscape pairs common in Asian storytelling such as this rooster and field.

Credit: Miranda Estes Photography



Red stairs and seating platforms provide access between the garden terraces and places to play and interact. A universally accessible route connects the existing and new parks along a graceful concrete path that winds through the park's center.

Credit: Miranda Estes Photography



Exercise equipment, requested by the neighborhood's seniors, augment practice sessions of qigong and tai chi along the activity terraces and yellow shadow wall, which is back-lit to cast shadows of bamboo leaves in the evening.

Credit: Billy Hustace Photography



Lush garden terrace plantings and seat walls create smaller gathering areas where these martial arts students can both observe and practice.

Credit: Billy Hustace Photography



Movable seating is popular with community seniors that like to gather to play games and cards with their friends on a regular basis. Garden terraces provide enclosure, visual interest, fragrance, shade, and incorporate plant species native to Asia.

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