The design prompt for the 2022 Ralph Rapson Traveling Study Competition suggests that societally we need the performative aspects of show, tell, and play to pursue a shared perspective on truth.

The design prompt for the 2022 Ralph Rapson Traveling Study Competition members around the existing concepts of user, performance and the experiential reception of the user. As a time where intimation & science appear to be subjective, this project aims to provide a platform for clarity, to provide a grounding of not only the concept of performance in its grand scope and in the creative realm and to reframe the existing park to occupy the site currently.

The site, Capa Robert Memorial Park, currently sits relatively under-valued due to the substantial grade change that occurs towards the south and the west. From the location of the existing look-out, named ‘Merlin’s Overlook’ - a reference to the ghost of mansees park, to the southwest corner of University & Robert Street there is approximately 50ft of drop. Due to this extreme terrain perhaps only 10% of the entire 6.5 acres of land is dedicated to usable green space.

The substantial grade change provided the opportunity to site several levels into the site, maximizing the impact of the views whilst creating layered accessible exterior spaces. The 4,800 sf of built area is primarily comprised of three architectural elements - a tower that transitions out from the central park亩 the western elevation views (including the largest cross-ramp of the site), a smaller north entrance/entry & administration space to the west framing views of the capital & an outdoor performance space. The roof of the tower includes a seating area with panoramic views to the city & beyond, an entry level stairway & an accessible multi-purpose space for more traditional performances. Throughout the project interior & exterior) there are expanded areas to create from 6-10 ft - allowing for a wide variety from which to see, to hear, to experience.

By utilizing green roofs, landscape and overhead the functionality & usable space of the park increased to over 10%, including approx. 1/3 of a mile of accessible trails which traverse the landscape & connect to various points throughout the built environment. An open DEMO space for park maintenance, service & delivery - as well as public presentations & plaza area. A new outdoor green space between the existing tree aisles & surfaces to with area to spread out and retreat from the sun.