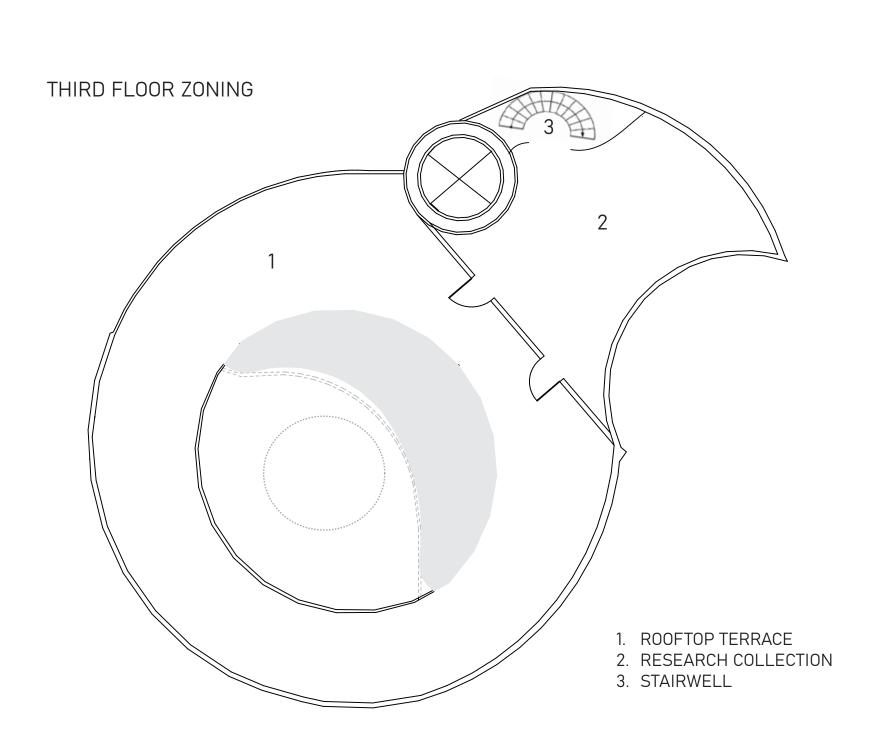
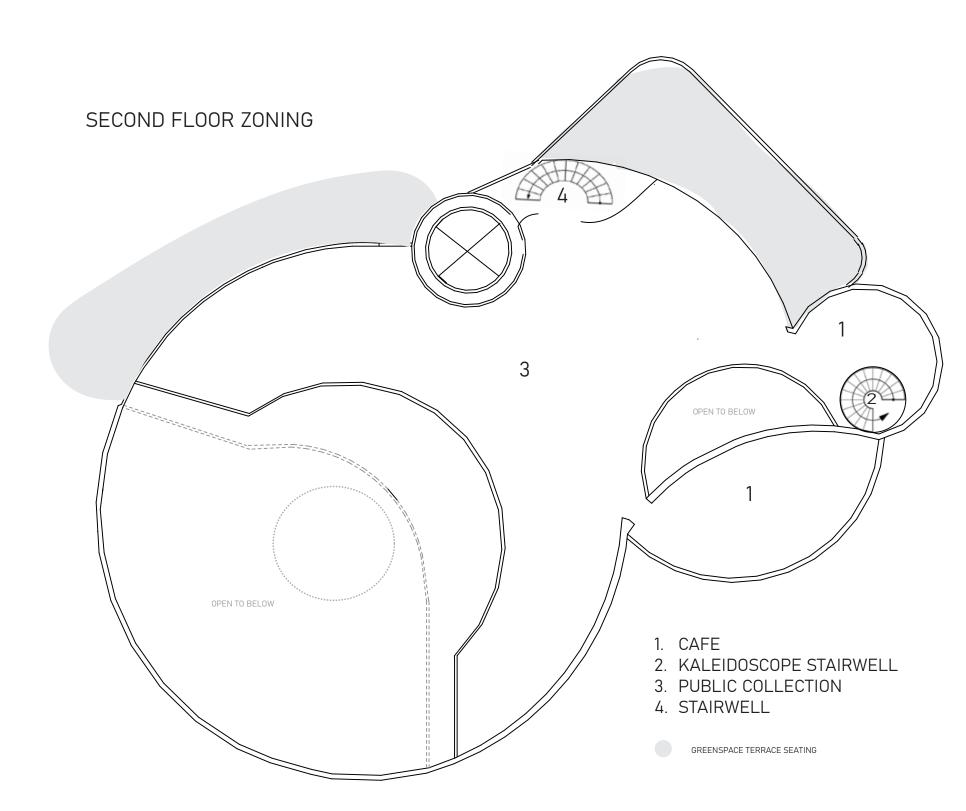
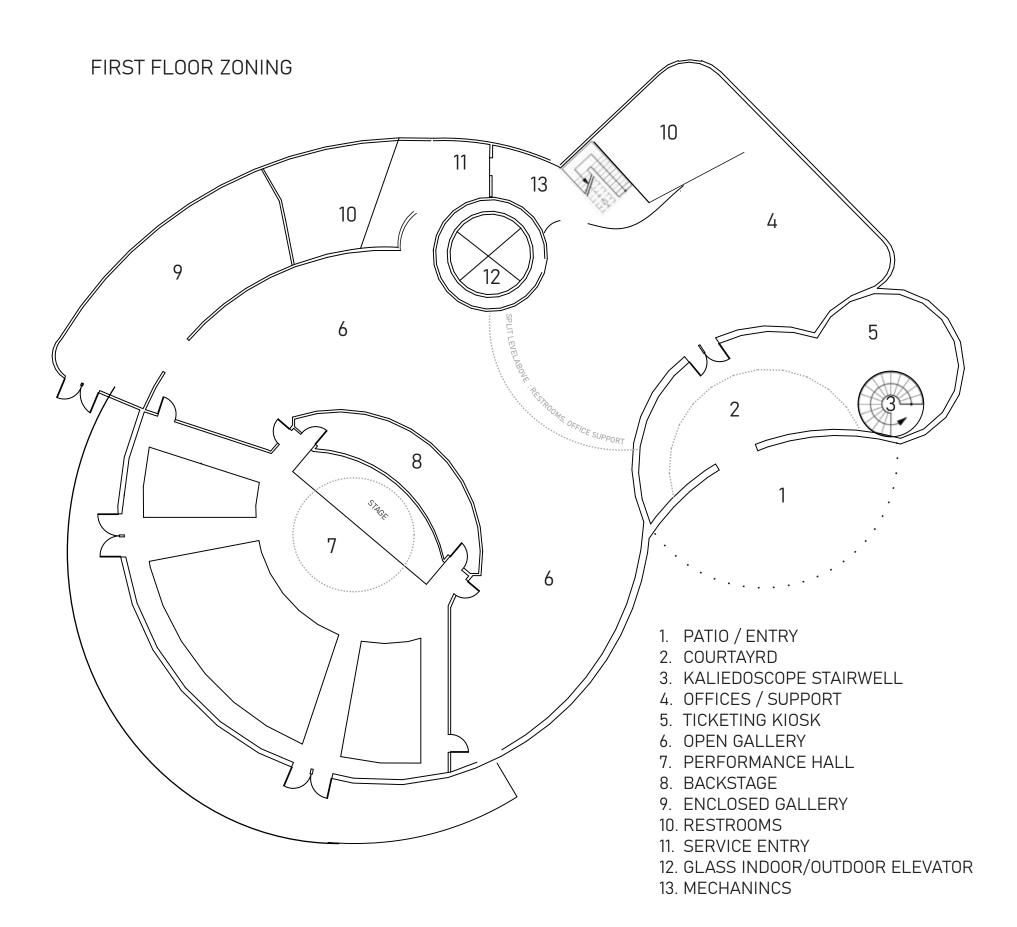
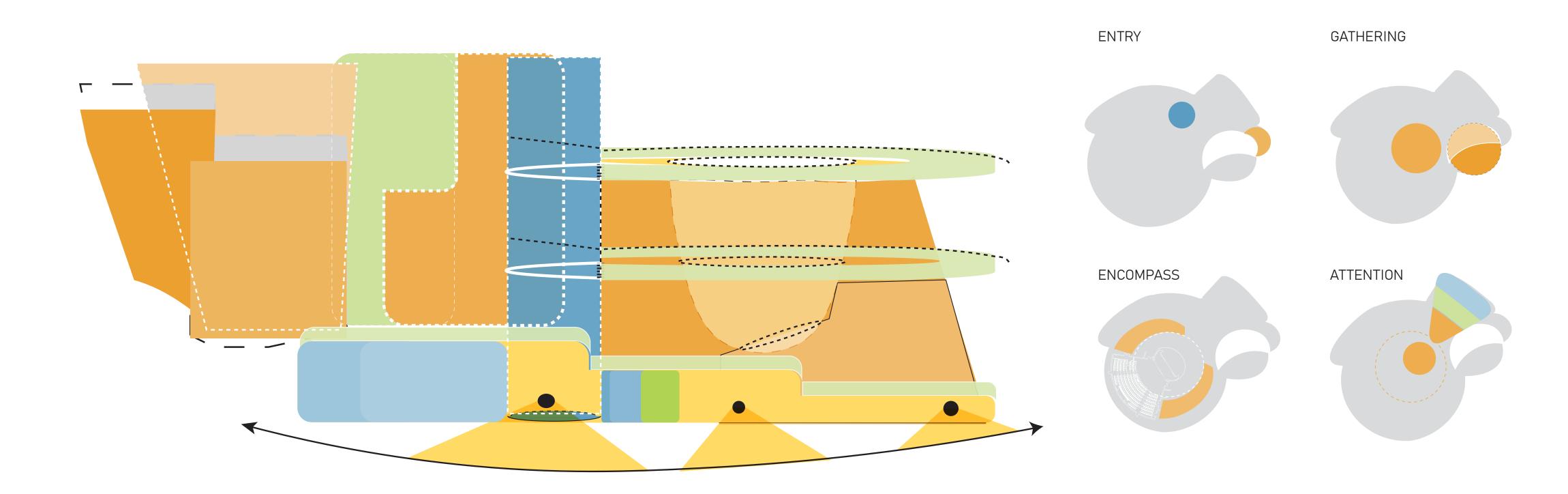
PUNCHLINE

The Poetry Foundation Building celebrates the art of language, drawing inspiration from punctuation marks and the unique voices individuals share through their stories. The architectural form embodies a grand reveal sequence, akin to the "punchline" in a poem, with dynamic materials used at varying scales to evoke a layered experience. In section, the design unveils a hidden, grand central volume, surrounded by diverse programmatic spaces. In plan, it radiates outward, inspired by punctuation's elegance and variety, metaphorically highlighting how individuals express themselves. The three-dimensional form integrates curvatures, cantilevered spaces, split levels, and varying volumes, creating a sense of rhythm and movement. Sited at a vibrant corner between the historic riverside and a bustling entertainment district, the building forms an artistic hub. Circular navigation enhances flow, guiding visitors through an architectural rhythm. A concealed courtyard beyond the rounded entrance surprises and invites discovery, leading to the central volume with captivating views. The program is anchored by green gardens that direct circulation to two main entrances. One faces the street edge with a cantilevered café offering views of the historic Mission Inn, while the performance hall and gallery occupy the rounded central space. At the heart lies an atrium, where cascading natural light symbolizes the inner light of artists, creating a sanctuary for creativity and inspiration.









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