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San Fransico, California

<b>TITLE</b>	<i>Ribbons</i>
<b>LOCATION</b>	50 UN Plaza, San Fransico, CA
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	Ribbons, San Francisco, CA, is a site specific artwork for the Art and Architecture Program of the GSA, Courtyard of the Federal Building at 50 United Nations Plaza. The courtyard design transforms the classical symmetry of the 1932 Arthur Brown design by retaining its main axial connections and inserting a sculptural matrix of paving, seating, fountains and planting. This paving plan defines circulation and is the horizontal basis for the sculptural seating, which rises and twists from it, creating the impression that the horizontal surface has been lifted to create a three dimensional interwoven form. The sculptural system allows the project to achieve a maximum effect for a minimum budget by working with recycled and cast concrete in duplication and series. The green character of the courtyard is based on simple sustainable technologies, with low water, shade tolerant planting beneath a grove of Birch trees. The project has LEED gold certification.
<b>DATE</b>	2012
<b>MEDIUM</b>	Cast Concrete, Granit
<b>DIMENSIONS</b>	Plaza - 21,840 SqFt
<b>COMMISSIONED BY</b>	General Services Administration, Art in architecture program
<b>ENGINEER</b>	Patrell Engineering
<b>SUBCONTRACTOR</b>	Quick crete
<b>CLIENT/REFERENCE</b>	Don Douglass Architect, regional fine art program General Services Administration, Public Building services + Construction Division