

TERRACED CASCADE

An environmental artwork and theater garden inspired by the marks that humans and water inscribe on the desert.



Expressed as both miniature watershed and abstraction of the human body, *Terraced Cascade* provides a means for people to imagine their place within the larger Indian Bend Wash—a watershed with alternating conditions of drought and flooding.

Taking advantage of the topography at the east end of the Indian Bend Wash, a series of rib-like terraces and a vertebrae-like cascade are nestled into the hillside. Xeriscape plantings in the terraces and cascade are selected for their curious shapes, colors, and textures. Harvested stormwater intermittently flows down the cascade to irrigate a mesquite bosque that offers shade and respite from the desert sun.

Terraced Cascade also acts as a gateway to the park. A pathway winds through the artwork allowing visitors to explore the terraces, plants, and sculptural cascades. Low curving walls at the edge of the pathway provide intimate seating areas within the garden.



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