

MARC RYAN Principal and Co-Founder of PUBLIC WORK

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## **FOREVER IN-PROGRESS**

SYNOPSIS| Marc Ryan, Principal and Co-Founder of PUBLIC WORK, will discuss an emerging theme implicit in the practice's recent engagements in the transformation of the public realm: the idea of cities and urban spaces designed as places inprogress. Recent works, including The Bentway, Toronto explore a breed of public spaces that are deliberately conceived and designed to continually evolve over time, rather than as finished compositions.

BIO | Marc Ryan is principal and co-founder of PUBLIC WORK, a Toronto-based office for urban design and landscape architecture focused on one of the foremost public topics today-the intelligent evolution of the contemporary city. Established in 2012, the studio aims to produce transformative works that invigorate the public realm, optimize and enhance the performance of urban and natural systems, and support public life by adding new layers of experience to the city. Marc's background in both landscape architecture and architecture gives him a synthetic approach to urban design and his design practice focuses on projects for the public realm using landscape as a primary medium. Marc's experience includes nearly two decades of practice in Canada, the United States and Europe, where he has provided leadership in the design of the public realm able to capture a dramatic new sense of place.

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