Wolfgang Weileder

Kiosk

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Kiosk is a new full-scale, mobile architectural sculpture by Wolfgang Weileder. It has been designed using the visual language of Islamic architecture and is constructed out of wood from reclaimed church pews. It stands at a height of 5.2m, with a width and depth of 4.4m.

Kiosk combines the materials of one religion with the iconography of another, provoking a discussion about the rules of architecture and the nature of sacred buildings. Through this new work, Weileder is both creating a meditative space and a vehicle to explore wider issues of social inclusion, diversity and common ground in our society.

Kiosk is originally a word used in Persia to describe a garden pavilion that was used for contemplation and meditation. In the West, it is now commonly used to refer to a small shop in an urban context.

The work has the potential to be presented in a variety of architectural contexts from a white cube gallery space to former and current religious buildings, such as mosques and churches. This will allow for the work to become a catalyst for a debate about what defines space and how the history of the materials from which it is built will inform and shape its reading.



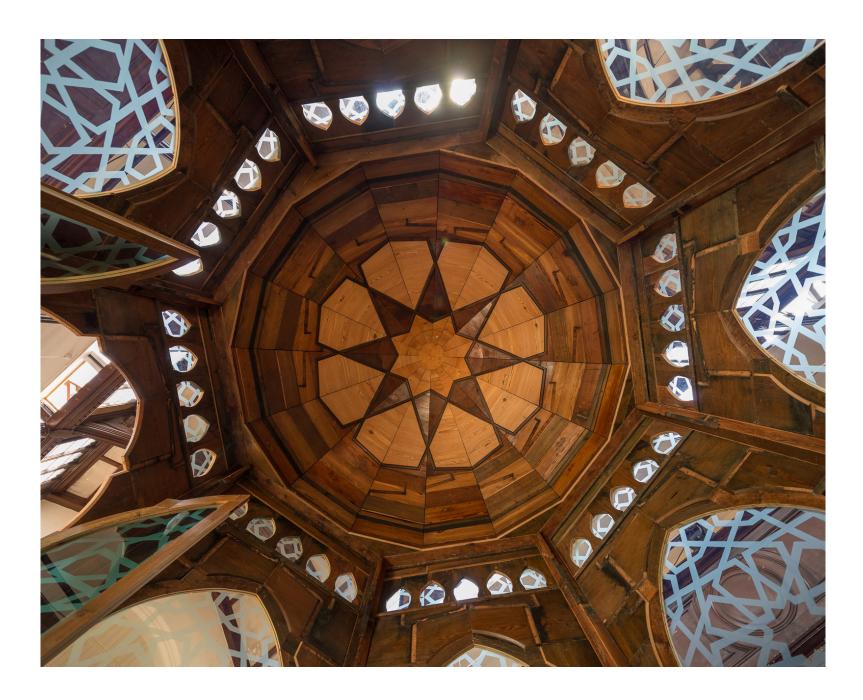
A Kiosk at the Ezbekieh Garden, Cairo Photo by Émile Béchard Egypt in 1874.



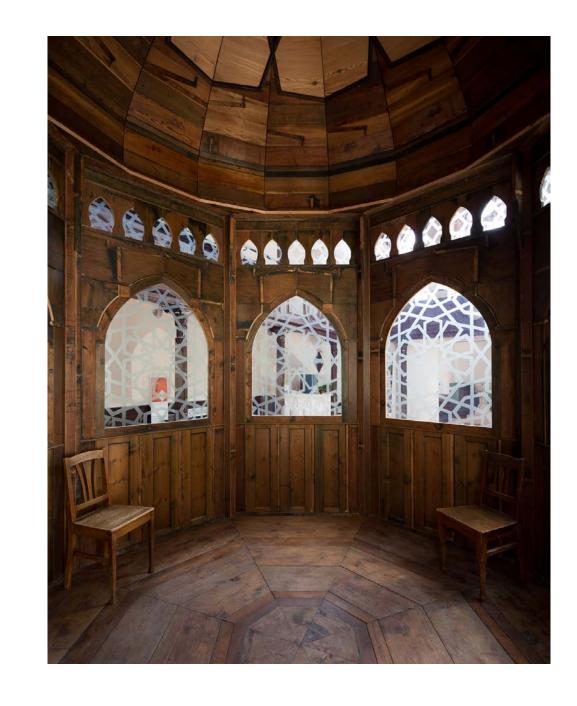
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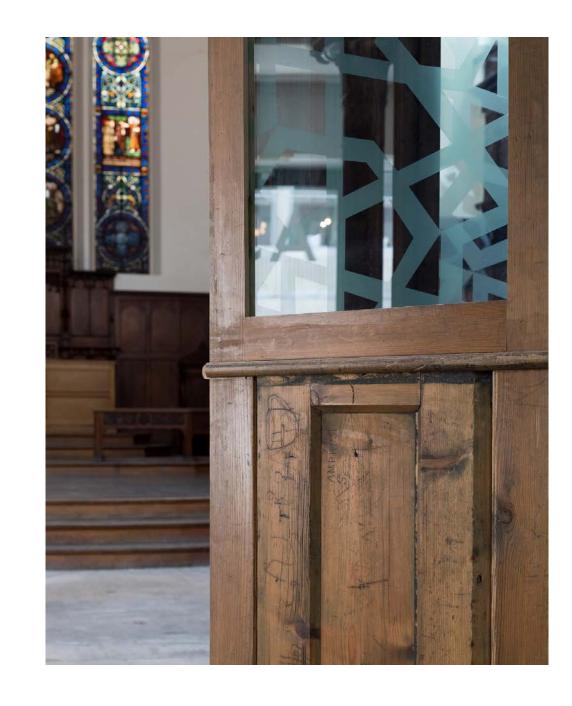
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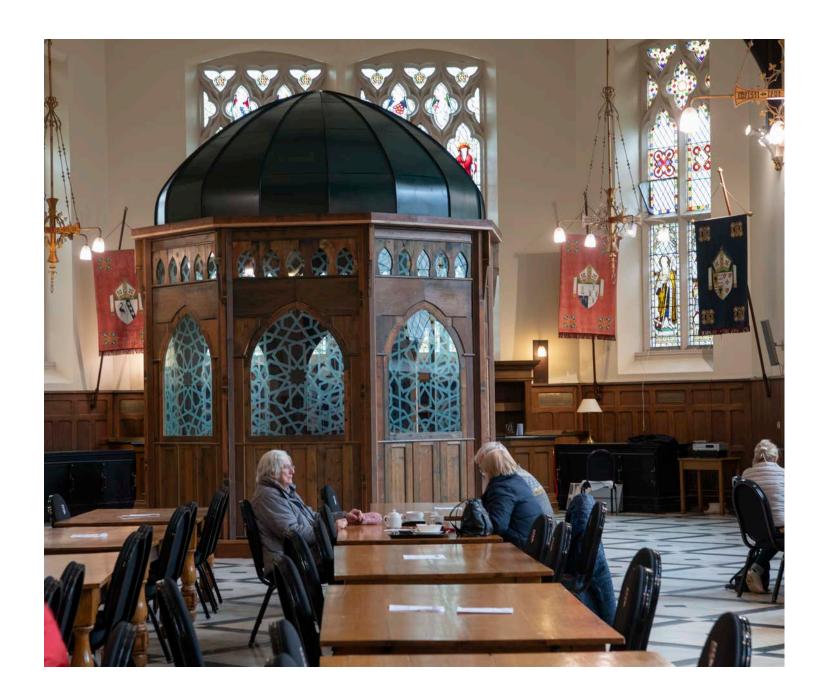
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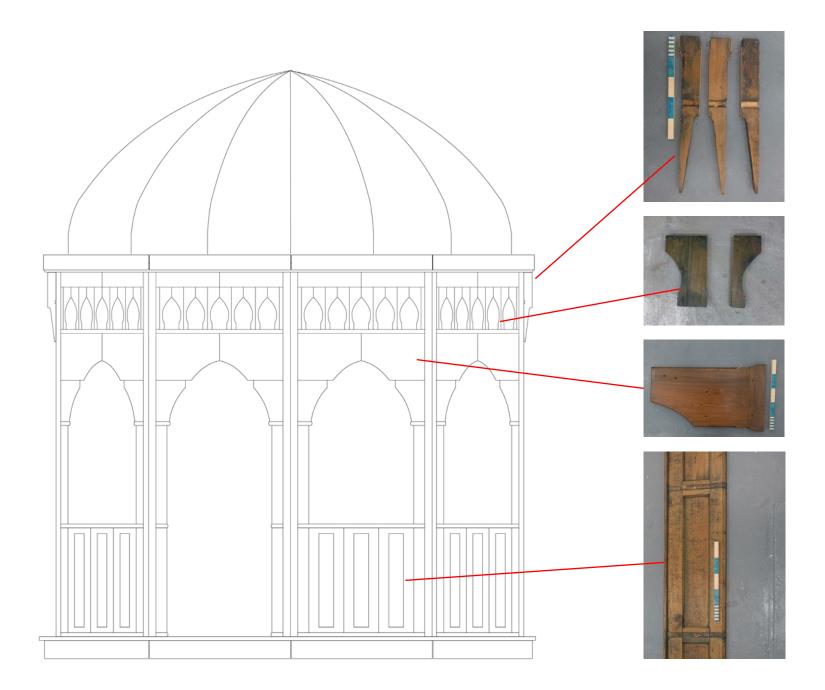
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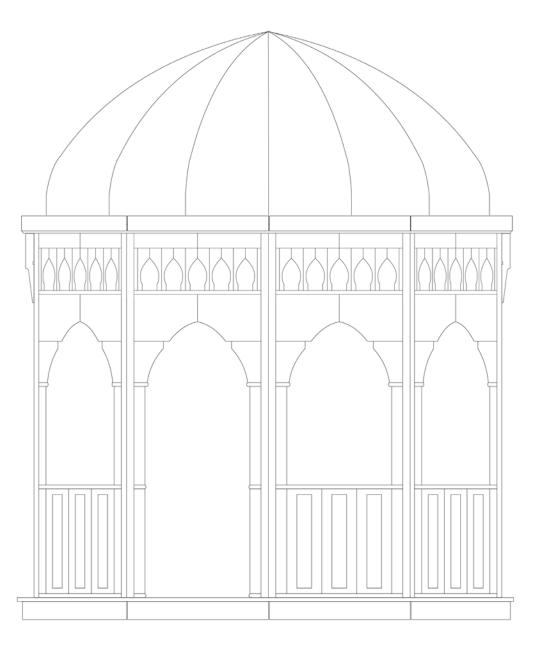


Reclaimed Victorian pews from St. John's Church, Shildon used for Kiosk





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Examples of related works of Wolfgang Weileder



English folly Royal Palace of Caserta Caserta, Italy 2018



fold-up Sunniside Gardens Sunderland, UK 2008



gap Kunststiftung Erich Hauser Rottweil, Germany 2015



galleria 48° Neon Gallery Bologna, Italy 2009



res publica 5x5 Public Art Festival Washington DC 2012



shelters Galerie der Künstler Munich, Germany 2000

Wolfgang Weileder Bio

Wolfgang Weileder is an artist whose practice is primarily concerned with the examination and critical deconstruction of architecture, public spaces and the interactions we have with the urban environment. His works are investigations into the relationship between time and space, the interface between permanence and transience, and how these can be explored to question our understanding of the landscape, both built and natural.

His work engages with the world through large-scale, temporary site-specific installation and sculpture; temporal recordings of spaces and environments through photography, film, performance and sound installation.

Wolfgang Weileder is originally from Munich, Germany. He moved to the UK in 2000 and is currently Professor in Contemporary Sculpture at Newcastle University.

A list of his projects, exhibitions and publications can be found at: $\underline{www.wolfgangweileder.com}$

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