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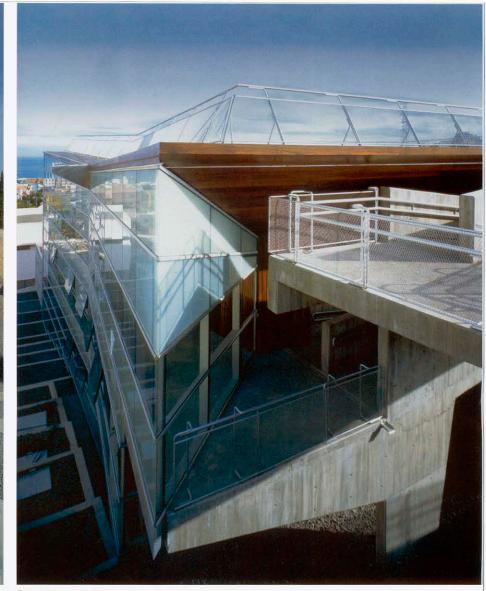
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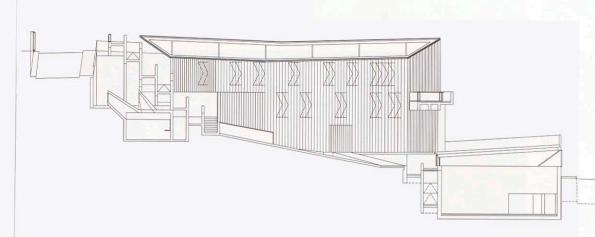
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0509 Located in a hillside residential neighbourhood to the west of Tenerife's capital, this concrete-framed complex of multipurpose rooms and open spaces enjoys sweeping views over the city and out to the ocean. The principal interiors are stacked on either side of a covered courtyard that projects out to form the roof of a black box theatre at the base of the site. The courtyard and the deck on its canopy may both be used as stages. They and the intermediate levels are linked by poured concrete ramps that zigzag down the steep slope from

the street. The spaces to either side are densely landscaped to provide a green buffer between the school and its neighbours. Lavatories at the base of the hill are naturally lit from tapered concrete lanterns. The north wing contains administrative offices on the upper level and a stepped library doubling as a lecture hall on the lower level. The facade, with its hinged shutters, and the underside of the canopy over the courtyard are faced in ipe wood. Ipe wood is also employed for the floor and book stacks in the library. The outer edge of the

wing and canopy are splayed to create a proscenium arch framing the courtyard. The opposite wing contains classrooms and rehearsal rooms, and its concrete columns are clad in a grid of multi-toned grey composition panels set flush on both sides to enclose wall storage. A gallery supported on a single column projects out from this wing at a right angle to mark the edge of the courtyard. Throughout, the shifting levels and varied perspectives transform the entire building into a flexible performance space.

- 7 1 East facade
- 2 Exterior view from north
- 3 Interior view of courtyard4 North wall of interior courtyard
- 4 North wall of interior courtys
  5 Zigzag concrete ramps
- 6 Section through building
- 7 Second-floor plan

## Client

Tenerife Town Hall; Government of the Canary Islands: Council of Education, Culture and Sports

Area

3,360 m²/36,167 sq ft

Cost €4,171,200

Coordinates 28.4603 -16.2792