Benjamin Gilmartin has 25 years of experience with the design of internationally significant cultural projects and currently practices both as a partner of the New York firm Diller Scofidio + Renfro (DS+R) as well as independently on a limited number of projects under his own name. As Benjamin Gilmartin Architect, he has undertaken selective commissions including the connected projects of the Jack Galmiche Public Media Commons at Nine Network and Steward Family Plaza at the Sheldon Concert Hall, both in the heart of St. Louis’ Grand Center Arts District. With DS+R, Gilmartin has led numerous projects in public space, arts and performance, exemplified in the transformation of Lincoln Center’s public spaces and the reconstruction of Alice Tully Hall. Gilmartin was a long-time contributor to the architecture journal *Praxis*, he taught at the Cornell University College of Architecture and Planning, and he has lectured widely on the design of cultural spaces.

Cobalt is an architectural and research practice based in Houston, Texas, co-founded by partners Andrew Colopy and Robert Booth. Cobalt undertakes select projects to create public spaces and places for living, work, art and education. They frequently invite collaboration to extend their reach and enlighten their approach. Cobalt’s research seeks innovation through advanced design and fabrication technology, with the aim to create projects of cultural significance that enhance a shared built environment.

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