L'ATELIER DES TESSONS

RIEZ
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L'atelier des tessons – Ressources: c'est observer, documenter, comprendre

Découvrir Riez, c'est plonger dans un véritable palimpseste vivant où se superposent les empreintes d'époques successives. Les ruines antiques côtoient les vestiges médiévaux, les traces de l'histoire agricole sont autant de témoins précieux d'un passé riche et complexe. À l'image de fragments de poterie, ces traces éparses nécessitent d'être collectées, étudiées et mises en relation pour reconstituer l'histoire de leur histoire. En se mettant dans la peau d'archéologues, nous nous sommes pris au jeu de récolter les "tessons", ces fragments significatifs du territoire, afin de les examiner, d'observer et d'analyser leurs caractéristiques, leurs matières et leurs formes. Ces précieux objets, un travail d'orfèvrerie a permis de documenter le patrimoine naturel et certains hôtels particuliers ont été classés monuments historiques. Cela n'a pas empêché la lente historique de se dégrader. Les façades se fissurent, les toitures s'affaissent et, faute d'usage, d'entretien et d'y apporter une réponse adaptée. Restaurer durablement Riez ne peut se limiter à la seule sauvegarde du bâti : il s'agit de mettre en place des stratégies qui permettent de vivre et de travailler entre les habitants et leur cadre de vie, et d'ouvrir des perspectives pour un futur partagé.

The Workshop of Fragments, to resource it, to observe, document, understand

Discovering Riez means diving into a living palimpsest where traces of successive eras overlap. Roman ruins rub shoulders with medieval vestiges, farmhouses and ancient facades are all precious artefacts of a rich and complex past. Like fragments of pottery, these scattered traces need to be gathered and interpreted in order to reveal the richness of their story. By stepping into the shoes of archaeologists, we embraced the challenge of collecting these fragments, these "tessons", which are key to the territory, to study its assembly, repair and shape them, sorts the foundations for a re-skilled collective narrative. In the late 20th century, a heritage inventory was carried out, the natural heritage was documented and some private hotels in Riez fell. This was not enough to prevent the degradation of the historic center. A series of collapses has deserved the urban fabric, calling for an urgent response. Sustainably restoring Riez is not limited to the safeguarding of its built stock, it must be accompanied by immediate actions that rekindle the emotional connection between inhabitants and their living environment, while opening new perspectives for a shared future.

Gathering
Gathering the Fragments Weary Awakening, Observing and understanding the interdependencies of Riez's landscape.

Underwriting Riez begins with careful observation of its territory, collecting fragments from both visible and subtle components. The materials chosen, which surround the team, offers a singular typology. Its soils, primarily limestone and clay, are rich in archaeological remains. Its water, both in the form of springs and streams, has become rare. Its forests, once a vast and abundance of springs encourage the settlement of former populations as well as the farming and viticulture which have since become a signature of the territory and its varied landscapes. This living landscape is traversed by a network of paths, roads and waterways that connect the various elements: routes, hiking trails and scenic circuits, that attract photographers during summer, eager to capture the vast ochre fields of lavender. Far from being a simple backdrop, this landscape is a living archive, where every element, every gesture, and every trace tells a story that is worth searching for and preserving.

Assembling
Gathering the Fragments to Create a Narrative. Gathering the fragments is not enough. It is also a matter of assembling the collected data, developing a clear methodology and sharing it.

This process unfolds in three dimensions.

The first is a physical space. The artifact of the miller de Mazan is immediately integrated into the team's workspace. Positioned at the center of the room, it becomes a tangible focal point. Its presence encourages discussion, the sharing of observations of various kinds, this knowledge is shared through collective discussions, which helps to identify challenges. Connected to the artifact, the workspace is a

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The third dimension is a lived space. Among the first activities that unite the members of the team is the collective observation of Riez's landscape. There, small structures made from natural materials, linked with building elements and the territory's history. This network allows everyone to discuss their own perspectives and to share their observations.

Figuring
To Figure the Fragments to Build New Futures. Figuring the Fragments is the gathering of the fragments. It's about finding ways to represent and bring the fragments, anchoring them in tradition while outlining possible new futures.

The city directs along the Grand'Rue feature urgent repairs. The typology of the buildings, the state of the facades and the presence of shops on the ground floor all reflect most the halted territory. To ensure the continuity of the existing buildings, Yet, instead of merely rebuilding what was lost, the work will be to create a dialogue between the old and the new, to create a new, high-quality public space, while offering new housing options for the return of Riez. Our architectural response embraces simplicity: minimalist volumes, sober materials, and a restrained palette that allow the ruins to remain the primary focus. Contemporary interventions, such as the glass roof of the Hôtel de Mazan, are designed to be fully reversible, preserving the site's potential for future generations.

The Hôtel and Auberge de Mazan become the living embodiment of this process. Designed as an evolving third place, this site supports each phase of the project. Its flexible spaces can accommodate workshops, exhibitions, and public meetings, while its gradual transformation will showcase the transition from modern production here, heritage no longer ruins. It becomes a living, breathing space, a testament to the city's resilience and its ongoing story.

Figuring Future Narratives
Figuring Future Narratives is the fundamental act of projecting the fragments, anchoring them in tradition while outlining possible new futures.

The city of tomorrow is "Riez after the emergency", with new amenities such as the Maison de la Mémoire, the Maison de la Nature and the Maison de la Culture, Riez aims to be a beacon of Provençal renewal.

Réparer
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L'hôtel et le jardin de Mazan deviennent le reflet de notre processus. Conçus comme un tiers-lieu évolutif, ils accueillent chaque grande étape du projet. Sa transition progressive trouve notre stratégie de transformation par le temps. L'hôtel devient le fabrique de savoirs, un lieu d'ateliers, d'expositions et de rencontres. Le jardin, quant à lui, n'est plus un vestige figé, il devient un lieu d'usages aux enjeux contemporains. Pensée en quatre temps : Réocter, Rassembler, Réparer, Partager, notre démarche s'appuie sur une philosophie optimiste et enclenche un cercle vertueux. En définitive, le renouveau de Riez ne se limite pas à la seule restauration de son bâti. Il naît de la réouverture de ses ruelles et renforcent le confort de toute la future urbaine, à un effet touché positif. Invitant les acteurs privés à prendre part à la dynamique, nous souhaitons que chacun puisse s'approprier, dans le centre ancien, conjuguée aux rénovations. Accompagné d'une transition patrimoine exigeant, permettent d'entreprendre les travaux en toute sérénité. Ainsi, chaque intervention devient un maillon à faire de l'histoire vivant et résilient. Porté par eux, nous nous sommes enfin autorisés à réver la ville de demain, un "Riez après l'urgence", avec de nouvelles ambitions comme le belvédère du rempart, la terrasse du marché ou le passage confluence qui redonnent vie à cette narration Riez comme haut lieu du ressourcement provençal.

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Restoring the Fragments to Build New Futures. Restoring the Fragments is not enough. It is also a matter of assembling the collected data, developing a clear methodology and sharing it.

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Les tiroirs de Riez *L'Atlas's treasures*

Cartographier des points d'intérêts du centre historique. Ce réseau n'impose pas un chemin unique, mais offre au visiteur la liberté de composer son propre parcours.

Mapping of points of interest in the historic center. This network does not impose a single path but rather offers the freedom to compose your own journey.

Réhabilitation-temporalité et urbaine de Riez *Temporal and urban rehabilitation of Riez*

Affirmer la volonté de réinvestir le centre historique, c'est aussi le rendre plus attractif, plus agréable à vivre, et permettre aux habitants comme aux visiteurs de bénéficier de temps de qualité dans l'espace public. Nous assumons ici une réhabilitation temporelle à travers le principe de maillage de la ville. En identifiant différents secteurs aménagés, les interventions permettent de rapprocher les points d'intérêt et d'encourager la déambulation

In line with our territorial approach, the network does more than just repair it makes the city more attractive, more pleasant to live in, and enables both residents and visitors to spend more quality time in public spaces. Through the principle of urban mesh, the interventions bring points of interest closer together and encourage strolling. By identifying different sectors of interest closer together and encouraging leisurely exploration.

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