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Cultural Centre in Venarey

In a small village in Burgundy, next to the railroad, a massive volume seems to float above an almost transparent plinth. It is Dominique Coulon's project for an Art Centre that is also a tourist office, a conference hall, a day nursery, and areas for older people.



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Dominique Coulon's project stretches alongside the railway line in the small village of Venarey-Les Laumes, in Burgundy.

The building, designated a centre for rural excellence, contains a number of different initiatives, including a tourist office, a conference and culture hall, a day nursery, and areas for older people. The task was to bring all these very different initiatives together in a single dynamic unit.



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The upper volume seems to float above an almost transparent plinth. Cantilevers accentuate the dissociation of the various folds, each fold producing a face which captures the low-angled light produced by the orientation of the building. The lightly perforated opaque skin is divided into a number of



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Art and Conference Centre, Inter-Generation Centre and Tourist Office, Venarey-Les Laumes, France

Program: public building

Architects: [Dominique Coulon & associés](#) (Dominique Coulon, Steve Letho Duclos)

Project Team: Guillaume Wittmann, Gautier Duthoit

Construction site supervision: Lionel Debs

Structural Engineer: Batiserf

Electrical Engineer: BET G.Jost

Mechanical Plumbing Engineer: Solares Bauen

Quantity surveyor: E3 économie

Acoustics: Euro sound project

Scenographer: Euro sound project

Cost: 3 600 000€ H.T

Area: 1,646 sqm

Completion: March 2015

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