{Nymphaea}

Blossom of hope mid-turmoil

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how can we renew this life for these people?

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Heroes clad in white

five solitary figures isolated from the environment around them

The lotus flower \sim

keeps fighting even in the harshest of conditions

purity, enlightenment, self-regeneration, rebirth



comfort

welcoming safety

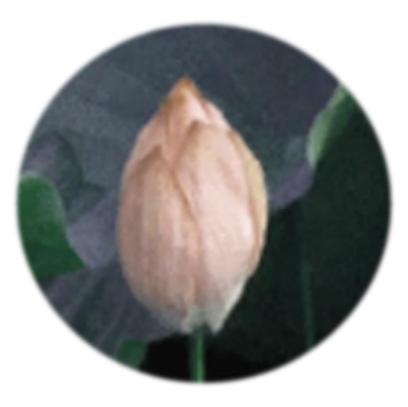
renewal

resilience

hope



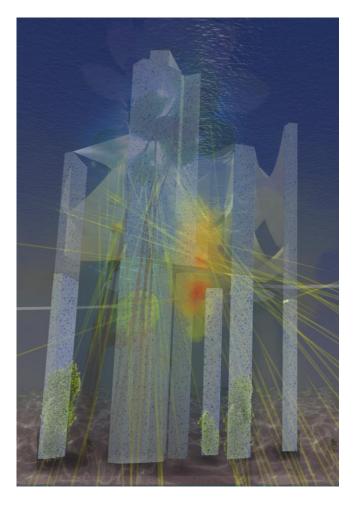
A rhythmic series of columns enveloped by a translucent shell



Abstracting the lotus form, finding a focal point



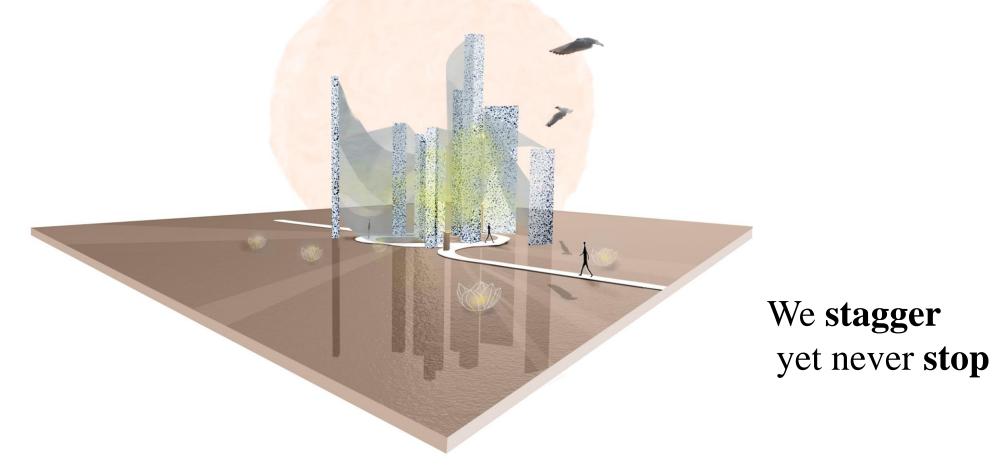
A linear form derived from the roots of the lotus striking up reaching towards the sky through its pillars



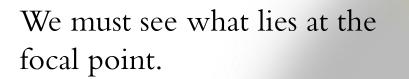
A beacon of stability and structure among our everchanging condition

uneasy, uncomfortable, sterile, caged in

The path intersecting the space shifts with the tides, echoing the evolution of our everchanging condition The source of light, is obscured as onlookers try to peek past the translucent sheets, aiding in a sense of **mystery** and **discovery**



the **piercing coldness** and **sterility** of the space presents a tangible obstacle between **us** and our **journey's end**



a path past the reaches of the sterile casing towards the heart of the lotus, beating strong amidst the chaos around it permeating the central enclosure.

The light at the end of the tunnel.

glowing embers at the hearth welcomes and beckons in stark contrast to the cold, reserved atmosphere set by the outer layer

Participation

in communal activity, lighting a lantern from the central hearth

Releasing the floating lantern

it may make its way down the river; illuminating the riverbanks and washing them ablaze with a sea of warmth depicting the universal reach of the virus and connecting with those on the peripheral.

Bringing hope and *resilience* to an otherwise destitute situation.

beauty and warmth of community involvement, local culture, and recognition of tradition

Nymphaea:

a monument honoring those fighting and have relentlessly fought the Coronavirus Pandemic, capturing how their sacrifices have touched the lives of the community in ameliorating the atrocity of such a crisis In order to commensurate with the importance of this pandemic, we must be transformed by it