Elastic Plastic Sponge

Indio

The Elastic Plastic Sponge was created by students from the Southern California Institute of Architecture (SCI-Arc), led by Benjamin Ball, Gaston Nogues, and Andrew Lyons of Ball-Nogues Studio. This large-scale installation was twisted, arched and curled to form different types of space including a lounge, theater, and large sculptural Mobius strip. In the desert heat of Indio, the architectural installation provided a respite from the sun by making shade and mist, while at night each "cell" supported a fluorescent tube. The tubes shifted in orientation relative to each other to create the effect of a sweeping motion. The motion effect is evident from close-up as well as impactful from across the vast festival grounds.
People sitting in the Elastic Plastic Sponge

Plan and elevation drawing

Elastic Plastic Sponge and the green man
Festival-goers at the Elastic Plastic Sponge