



## Kid Architect Manifesto

Архитектура должна волновать. Наблюдая за танцовщицей, наш разум

тоже начинает танцевать...A city soars with soaring towers.

Bold architecture emboldens

the self and I am optimistic about architecture. But the "self" that architecture champions is an adult, a busy adult. Kids need architecture! I am a KID ARCHITECT! All day, kids are dragged through zones where they are the outsider—they have no cash for the marketplace or jobs for the highrise. Climbers are their built voice. Climbers embody their drives: celebration, curiosity, maniacal play, and spontaneous friendship—these are the concerns of children and these are the concerns of Luckey LLC. Climbing, crawling, meeting and cavorting—this is what my architecture is about.

I am an idealist, and I pursue the highest level of aesthetic delight.

Delight in beauty—beauty is the resonance of some fundamental thing, an eternal shared thing—having an adult look", a "kid look", does not compute with out aesthetics. The beauty of our projects is shared.





### **Luckey Climbers | History**

Luckey LLC was founded by Thomas Luckey in 1985 with a commission at the Boston Children's Museum. When the climber he built in Boston proved to be their most popular exhibit, other commissions followed and his career flourished.

Spencer Luckey took over operations in 2006 after his father, Tom Luckey became paralyzed and has been responsible for the design, fabrication and installation of the climbers. While the head of Luckey LLC, Spencer has introduced digitally-based techniques for shaping and structural analysis; his work marks a departure from the analogue mode of his father. Of late, Luckey LLC has also expanded internationally.



Columbus Commons | 2010  
Columbus, Indiana

Situated in an indoor public park at the Columbus Commons, this climber is an excellent example of the potential for synergy between the beauty of the climber and the architecture that surrounds it. We worked in close collaboration with the architect and landscape architect to design a climber whose stunning elevations have become an icon of Columbus, a city of world-class architecture in its own right. The design incorporates the graphic branding of the city onto the platforms in a colorful, confetti celebration, while platforms are generously sized so that visitors of all ages can comfortably enjoy the climber together.







**The Village at Topanga Canyon | 2015**  
Los Angeles, California

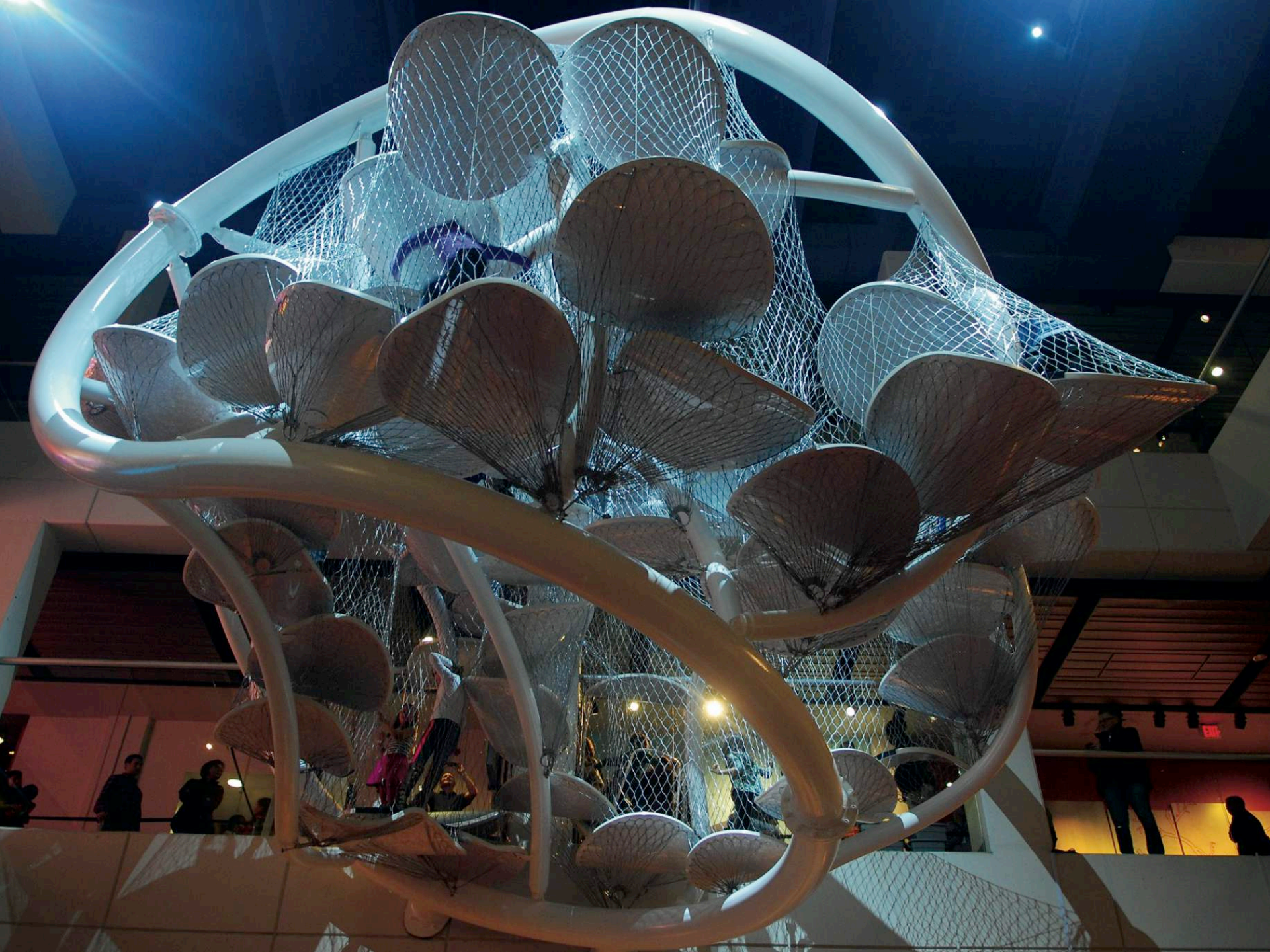
This climber looms above one of the main pedestrian thoroughfares at the Village at Westfield Topanga mall. This climber represents a first foray into prefabricated projects, which are configurations of existing production and engineering to suit new contexts. The pipes and platforms take their hues from abutting trees, while some platforms are fabricated from glow-in-the-dark plastic which gives the climber an other-worldly quality of luminous green at night



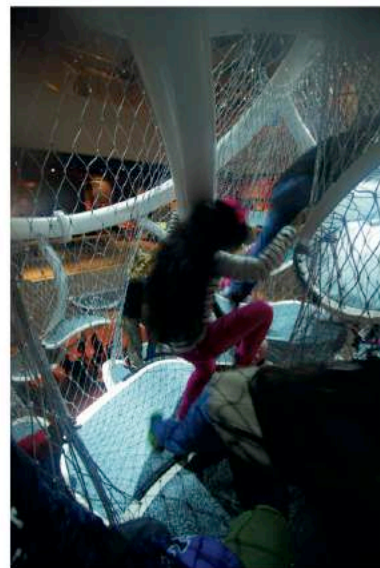


















**Gyeonggi Children's Museum | 2013**  
Gyeonggi, South Korea

The Three Straw Climber is our tallest, at 53ft-4in. The climber was conceived to evoke a child's construction made out of bendy straws. Visitors can access the climber from the ground floor or via the bridge on the second, stirring up dynamic flows of climbing traffic as the climber rises. Gravity is expressed by the dematerialization of density as the climber is stretched from a thicket of platforms at its base to a sparse aerie at its peak.





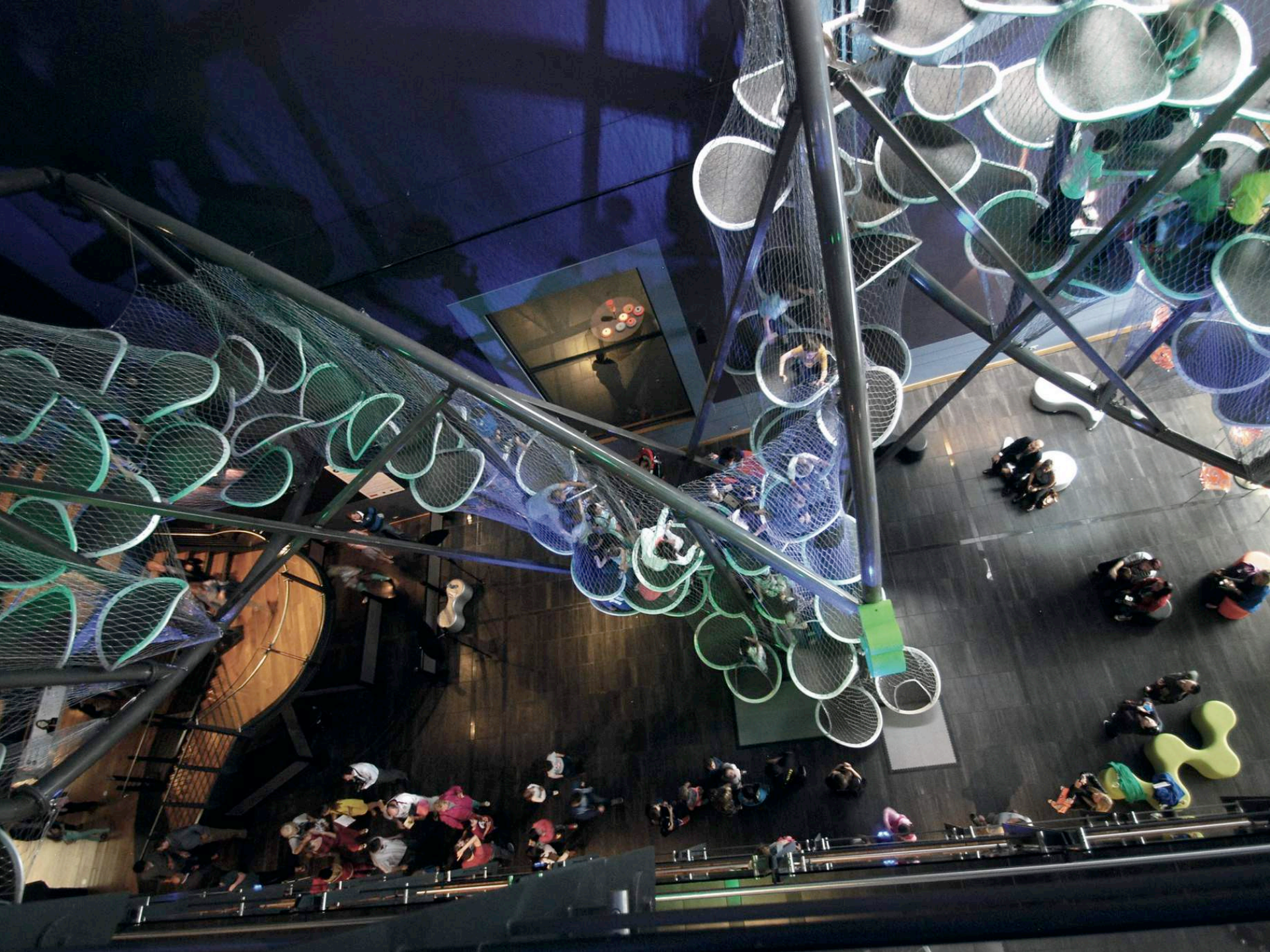


**China National Children's Center** | 2015  
Beijing, China

This climber occupies the courtyard of the China National Children's Center, a building which was once the private house of Mao Zedong's fourth wife. The structure is a steel coil which terminates at either end in tails which bend in opposing directions, inspired by taijitu symbol (yin and yang) and the strokes of chinese calligraphy. The platforms are hand-stained in vibrant colors resembling fireworks.















**Boston Children's Museum | 2007**  
Boston, Massachusetts

The three-story New Balance Climb is made of flowing bent platforms which rise through the glass lobby of Boston Children's Museum, inviting children to scamper and scale this vertical maze. Children are challenged and delighted as they venture through this thrilling three-dimensional puzzle. Estimating space, planning moves, and looking for the best path are all part of the learning experience. Parents can join in as they follow the route alongside the sculpture, encouraging their children to find their way and try different paths, all while enjoying a fantastic panorama of downtown Boston.













## Client List | 2016

The Village at Topanga Canyon - Los Angeles CA  
Play Discovery Center - Kuwait  
China National Children's Museum - Beijing, China  
Little Oasis - Beijing, China  
Franklin Institute - Philadelphia, PA  
Liberty Science Center - Jersey City, NJ  
W5 Belfast - Northern Ireland  
Columbus Commons - Columbus, Indiana  
Children's Museum of South Dakota - Brookings, SD  
Boston Children's Museum, Boston, MA  
Terry Lee Wells Nevada Discovery Museum - Reno, NV  
Rochester Museum & Science Center - Rochester, NY  
Kidspace - Jakarta, Indonesia  
Formel Fun - Bulach, Switzerland  
The Foote School - New Haven, CT  
Mountains Edge Park - Las Vegas, NV  
Providence Children's Museum - Providence, RI  
Century City Mall - Los Angeles, CA  
Children's Discovery Museum - Normal, IL  
Delaware Children's Museum - Wilmington, DE  
The Children's Museum of Houston - Houston, TX  
The Magic House - St Louis, MO  
Lincoln Park Zoo - Chicago, IL  
Glazer Children's Museum - Tampa, FL

Long Island Children's Museum - Garden City, NY  
Children's Museum of Winston-Salem - Winston-Salem, NC  
Illinois Children's Museum - Dupage, IL  
Children's Museum of Pittsburgh - Pittsburgh, PA  
Fox Valley Mall - Dupage, IL  
Oviedo Mall - Oviedo, FL  
The Jasmine Moran Children's Museum - Seminole, OK  
Children's Museum at Holyoke - Holyoke, MA  
The Children's Museum of Memphis - Memphis, TN  
Museo Del Nino - Mexico City, Mexico  
Mckenna Children's Museum - New Braunfels, TX  
Curious Kids Children's Museum - St. Joseph, MI  
Gyeonggi Children's Museum - Suwon, South Korea  
Science Center Singapore - Singapore  
Christ Community Church - St. Charles, IL  
Indianapolis Children's Museum - Indianapolis, IN  
Young at Art Children's Museum - Ft Lauderdale, FL  
Wonderlab - Bloomington, IN  
Children's Museum of Alamance County - Graham, NC  
Discovery Place - Charlotte, NC  
Kidspace Children's Museum - Pasadena, CA  
Decatur Children's Museum - Decatur, IL  
Lotte World South Korea - Seoul, South Korea



# Press & Media Coverage

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Our climbers have made headlines all over the world, below are some of our favorites.

## *Liberty Science Center*

[New York Daily News](#)

[NJ.com](#)

[NJArts.net](#)

[BedtimeMath.org](#)

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[Designguide.com](#)

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