Memorial

Location: Utøya, Norway
Architects: 3RW arkitekter

The Utøya Island in Norway was the scene of one of the most awful crimes in the country’s history. Sixty nine people, most of whom were children, were murdered here by a single gunman on 22 July 2011.
Those affected by this tragic event decided to use the natural beauty of the island as a backdrop for a memorial to those who lost their lives.
The architects 3RW arkitekter were commissioned to design this particular moving memorial, featuring a ring made from stainless steel. The ring is fixed to the surrounding trees by cables and is able to move in harmony with the trees but only very slowly due to its weight. The stainless steel has a sandblasted surface and will therefore not act as a mirror, but will nevertheless reflect the colours and surrounding light, thus absorbing the unique character of the site throughout the day and also through the seasons of the year.

Details

Environment: marine
Grade/surface: sandblasted
Date of completion: 2015
More information: 3rw.no

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