Kafka

Prague, Czech Republic

Located in a busy shopping center in Prague, this twisting and reflective sculpture depicting the head of writer Franz Kafka is the latest kinetic artwork by controversial Czech artist David Černý. Installed in 2014, the enormous mirrored bust is comprised of 42 independently driven layers of stainless steel and weighs in at some 45 tons. The pieces move in complete synchrony to form and dissolve the author’s face, creating an ever-in-flux ‘metal-morphosis.’ A closer look at the bust reveals Kafka’s famous mid-parted hairstyle and sharp features. The piece brilliantly reveals Kafka’s tortured personality and unrelenting self doubt that plagued him his entire life.

Environment:  Urban
Material:  Stainless steel sheet
Finish:  Mirror finish
Artist:  David Černý
Date of completion:  2014
Video:  youtu.be
More information:  quadrio.cz
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