



Time-Line-Space

A public art installation by Kim Abeles commissioned for the Robert F Kennedy Community Schools. The installation was completed in 2010 for the Los Angeles Unified School District, and with the architecture firm, Gonzalez-Goodale, Pasadena, California.



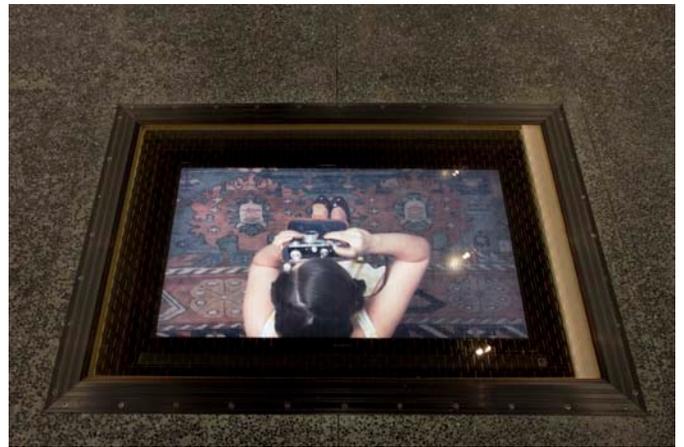
The installation features a video in the floor that shows people and creatures passing along this spot, and representative of the history of the location.

Video monitors within the timeline, Ambassador Hotel artifacts, and mixed media imagery portray prehistoric times to the present. The 65 elements of this artwork use metaphor, pattern, facts, documents and replicas to express the history of this particular site in Los Angeles.



Shown here is a selection of stills from the video monitor embedded in the floor. The stills are also presented in the upper row of the timeline, referencing the moving timeline in the floor.

The first "event" in the video is a field mouse moving along the landscape, and the final episode shows students entering the newly built RFK Community Schools.



The installation occupies two walls, 50' x 10' each, and the work provides a glimpse into the time periods with an emphasis on the days of the Ambassador Hotel. The workers who were such an important part of the hotel's history are remembered through photographs and artifacts, such as the bellman's and elevator operator's uniforms.



The Chumash lived here, it was also the site of the Schmidt dairy farm, and the Ambassador Hotel. Between 1921 and the 1960s, the hotel was a magnet for world leaders and movie stars. It was also the tragic site where Robert F. Kennedy was assassinated in 1968. Along with video, mixed media dioramas, cast bronze, ceramic tiles and terrazzo embedded with imagery, the installation combines to tell the story of this very spot.



The making of the video for *Time - Line - Space*

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Scenes were filmed using an overhead camera attached to a dolly with a jib arm. As the actors walked, the camera followed along a track. Twenty-one sets were swapped for the various scenes including floors, dirt, grass and other props.

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