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SCHOOL OF METAPHYSICS

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The investigation delves into material/ immaterial practices in the context of a former military base in the production of a School of Metaphysics and a Waiting Room to be located on the North/Western side of Governors Island (a 172-acre island in Upper New York Bay, approximately 800 yards from the southern tip of Manhattan Island) looking out toward lower Manhattan and the Statue of Liberty. The island is a popular and visible seasonal destination for hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers offering a diverse and eclectic array of art and culture, recreation and relaxation.

The word Metaphysics comes from the Ancient Greece and is a combination of two words: Meta meaning over or beyond and physics meaning the physical, material world. By definition, it is a division of philosophy that is concerned with the fundamental nature of reality and being and that includes Ontology, cosmology, and often epistemology. (Goche)

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Waiting is a meditative state of awareness which bridges the physical and metaphysical. This happens through our senses. Governors Island contributes to this through its atmospheric conditions. By creating a rhythmic landscape, strategically placed instances can become waiting rooms. Places where students, faculty, and visitors are able to consciously and subconsciously enter a new realm, the Third Realm. Impacted equally by the physical and metaphysical, this realm is the moment when one approaches a state of absolute tranquility.

