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**Nivola Museum
Gallery Addition
Orani, Sardinia, Italy**



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The gallery addition has been placed on land directly below the existing sculpture museum. The interior space is day lighted from north facing clerestories and divided into three sub-spaces, each separated by walls with arched openings, recalling the arched openings of the sculpture museum. The gallery displays sand castings and other two dimensional work of Nivola. At a lower level, accessed from the rear, are spaces for archival storage and study of the artist's work. Materials include traditional rough stone walls and pebble stone paving. The terrace at the front of the gallery addition surrounds a fountain pool, fed continuously by water from the sculpture museum above, arriving via channels and cisterns from a natural spring in the hillside above the museum. The water begins its journey by passing across the paved terrace of the sculpture museum. Facing the gallery addition are a series of terraced vegetable gardens, each maintained by individual owners and each irrigated by the spring water on its journey from the museum terrace to the gallery addition terrace, after which it descends further into the town below.