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Concept

Kindergarten in Egg

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Site plan
scale 1:5000

- 1 Store
- 2 Choir archive
- 3 Ancillary space
- 4 Music archive
- 5 Cloakroom
- 6 Group room with kitchen
- 7 Terrace
- 8 Recreation room
- 9 Standby space
- 10 Office
- 11 Music rehearsal space
- 12 Foyer
- 13 Kitchenette/
Discussion space

Sections • Floor plans
scale 1:500

No. of groups: 2
No. of children: 50
4 integration places
Age: 4–6 years
No. of staff: 4
Client: Egg municipal council
Gross floor area: 1,130 m²
Kindergarten floor
area: approx. 162 m²
Size of group
rooms: 68 m²
External area: approx. 445 m²
Completion date: 2004
Construction costs: €1,260,000

This small kindergarten in Egg, Austria, forms the pedagogic and spatial entrée to the community's educational institutions. The primary, secondary and grammar schools are all situated in close proximity to each other. Hitherto, both the kindergarten and the local brass band were housed in provisional quarters. For that reason a joint use of the new building was proposed. This combination of functions is clearly legible. The children can let off steam on the ground floor, while the smaller, set-back upper floor is reserved for the musicians. Both groups have their own entrance and, thanks to different periods of use, there is no mutual disturbance. To ensure an acoustic division, however, the rehearsal room is housed in a timber cube set on top of the northern tract, which is constructed in concrete.

The ground floor is laid out about a central access corridor. The exercise space and staff rooms are situated on the northern side, while the group spaces are oriented to the south and enjoy direct access to a covered terrace and the garden. In compliance with local authority requirements, natural materials from the region were used. The group spaces and the upper storey, therefore, were constructed with prefabricated timber units. The facades and floors are in native silver fir. Concrete elements were left exposed on both faces, and the internal timber structure was clad in birch plywood.

