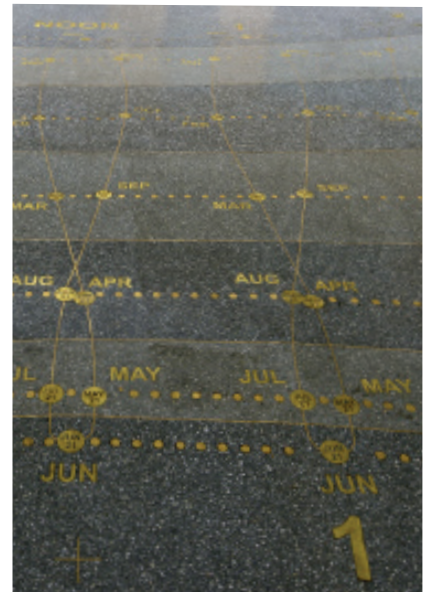


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This 15,800-square-foot installation in 18 colors in a science museum is a fascinating showcase for the potential of terrazzo, the design successfully blending simplicity with high impact. Extensive epoxy mortar floor patch, moisture vapor treatment and epoxy crack isolation membrane was needed in the existing building. 21 samples were submitted and narrowed down to the final 14 formulas. A wide array of marble chips, recycled and exotic glasses, and natural Mother of Pearl aggregates were incorporated in the mix designs and produced a uniquely beautiful flooring installation. The Milky-way Galaxy design in the lobby welcomes visitors with free-form stars and black holes. While the 850-square-foot

outdoor sun calendar, built into two-and-a-half-inch bonded cement terrazzo, accurately indicates time and date with a beam of light. The brass arcs were laid out and bent in the field, and over 1,000 individual solid one-inch brass discs were water-jet cut and placed by hand, requiring perfect precision. Additional solid brass date markers were also installed. The mortar bed and terrazzo had to be "dead level" for this particular design. Layout was completed and checked for several months before final installation, to verify to accuracy of the Oculus. Even the elegantly curved Terrazzo Reception Desk top was fabricated in our shop then installed and polished to 3000 grit Natural Finish, on site.

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