

ATELIER RZLBD 1

BAYVIEW VILLAGE SHOPPING CENTER
TORONTO
CANADA



Project Credits

Client: RZLBD
Program: Atelier
Location: Bayview Village Shopping Center,
Toronto, Canada

Structure: Concrete, Steel & Wood Framing
Lot Area: N/A (part of a shopping mall)
Size (GFA): 185 m² (~ 2000 sqft)

Design: 2011
Completion: Winter 2012
Demolished: Summer 2017

Architects: Atelier RZLBD / Reza Aliabadi
Mechanical & Electrical: Cronnox Inc.
Construction: Royal Falcon Inc. & m.rail Inc.
Architectural Photography: Borzu Talaie

RZLBD explored its architectural philosophy in the design of its first atelier, located in Bayview Village Shopping Center from 2012 to 2017, by creating a large, undefined void capable of becoming any program. After the pre-existing space is “un-designed” to its bare minimum, the 2000-sqft room is split into a large store-front gallery and a smaller rear administrative office, in which the former composes a void. Surrounded by white reinforced display walls, washed with concealed linear lighting, the gallery engages with and adapts itself to any curation and audience. Accommodating numerous spatial arrangements, the atelier hosted 30 some exhibitions and events during the 5 years. Across the two-sided pivot door, the office, surrounded by contrasting black paint, complements the gallery conceptually and pragmatically. Through the industry of the room in the background, the empty room in the foreground remains the purest form of space, ready to become anything.