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## A massive green wall brings nature to city

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Green architecture is a vague term at best, but it thrives in literal form on a side street in Pacific Heights. The exterior of a private school's arts wing is engulfed by 105 species of California natives attached to an irrigated layer of felt, selected with an eye to foliage and flowers that might attract butterflies and bees. Creator Patrick Blanc favors the term "vertical garden," and for wild drama, this one can't be beat. An environmental gesture? Perhaps. But also a nudge to think about the link between cities and nature in more intricate ways.

**Cuddeback Wing**, Drew School 2901 California St. |

**Designers:** Building by Roma Design Group, vertical garden by Patrick Blanc |

**Size:** 40 feet high, 50 feet wide |

**Date built:** 2011







