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*“We value landscapes as cultural territories that are sensitively integrated within their larger context. As a dynamic field, a landscape isn't an object to be looked at, but a construct in constant transformation.” –Didier Design Studio*

When Emmanuel Didier arrived at McKee Botanical Garden to present his concepts for the **Children's Garden at McKee**, he had not finished his presentation before the design review committee was certain that he was the one to lead the project.

His background in the fine arts, architecture and landscape design provides a masterful vision for what is to become the **Children's Garden at McKee**. His philosophy that *“landscape is not a thing, but is a set of relationships between things,”* clearly informs the designs he has created for the **Children's Garden at McKee**.

This is not his first such project. Since founding his practice, Emmanuel has been pursuing his passion for the art

of place-making as a tool for building community. Some of his most significant projects include a children's garden for the Arboretum at Penn State University, a children's garden and a Central Plaza with Native Meadows for The Wichita Botanical Garden, and community gardens and playgrounds for the Fort Collins Housing Authority.

Emmanuel is the founding principal of Didier Design Studio, LLC, and an instructor at the College of Architecture and Planning, University of Colorado. He holds a Master of Architecture and a Master of Landscape Architecture from the University of Virginia, and a Fine Arts degree from the École des Beaux Arts in his native country of France. ■

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About the Designer of the **Children's Garden at McKee**