

NENDO / Oki Sato, principal designer

2012	Established nendo, Singapore Office
2005	Established nendo, Milan Office
2002	M.A. in Architecture, Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan Established nendo, Tokyo, Japan
1977	Born in Toronto, Canada

Select Museum and Public Collections

21_21 Design Sight/Issey Miyake, Tokyo, Japan
Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois
Brooklyn Museum of Art, Brooklyn, NY
Carnegie Museum of Art, New York, NY
Centre Pompidou, Paris, France
Cincinnati Art Museum, Cincinnati, OH
Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum, New York, NY
Denver Art Museum, Denver, CO
Design Museum, London, England
Design Museum Holon, Holon, Israel
High Museum of Art, Atlanta, GA
Indianapolis Museum of Arts, IN
The Israel Museum, Jerusalem, Israel
Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA
M + Museum, Kowloon, Hong Kong, China
Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, Montreal, Canada
Mondriaan Foundation, Netherlands
Musée des Arts Décoratifs, Paris, France
Museum of Modern Art, New York, New York
Museum of Arts and Design, New York, NY
Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX
National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, Australia
Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, PA
San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA
Speed Art Museum, Louisville, KY
St. Louis Art Museum, St. Louis, MO
Triennale Design Museum, Milan, Italy
Victoria and Albert Museum, London, England
Vitra Design Museum, Weil am Rhein, Germany

Select Solo Exhibitions

- 2017 *NENDO: INVISIBLE OUTLINES*, Centre d'innovation et de design au Grand-Hornu, Hornu, Belgium
- 2016 *nendo: 50 manga chairs*, Friedman Benda, New York, NY
nendo: The Space in Between, Design Museum Holon, Israel
trace collection, Collective Influence, Collective Design, New York, NY
nendo: 50 manga chairs, Milan Design Week, Milan, Italy
nendo: looking through the window, Taiwan Design Museum, Taipei, Taiwan
- 2015 *ChocolaTextureLounge*, Maison & Objet, Paris, France
Tokyo tribal collection, Mausib & Objet, Singapore
nendo works 2014-2015, Milan Design Week, Milan, Italy
nendo 3/3, Eye of Gyre, Tokyo, Japan
- 2014 *Works by nendo*, Milan Design Week, Milan, Italy
- 2013 *80 sheets of mountains*, Stockholm Furniture Fair, Stockholm, Sweden
Nichetto=Nendo, Milan Design Week, Milan, Italy
Glassworks, Dilmos Gallery, Milan, Italy
Stone Garden, International Design Show, Toronto, Canada
- 2012 *Mimicry Chairs*, Victoria & Albert Museum, London, UK
trial & error, Visconti Palace, Milan, Italy
Still and Sparkling, Superstudio, Milan, Italy
Black & Black, Carrozzeria, Milan, Italy
Nendo: Static Bubbles, Carpenter's Workshop Gallery, Paris,
FranceNendo: object dependencies, Pierre-Alain Challier Gallery, Paris,
France still & sparkling, Prague House, Brussels, Belgium
- 2011 *Scatter Shelf*, Friedman Benda, New York, NY
10 Days, 10 Shelves, Carpenter's Workshop Gallery, London, UK
High Design – In Conjunction with Modern Design. High Museum of Art, Atlanta, GA
dancing squares, Art Stage, Singapore
textured transparencies, Antonia Jannone Gallery, Milan, Italy
textured transparencies, Gallery Agathe Helion & Clear, Paris, France
thin black lines + dancing squares, National Taiwan Craft Research and Development Institute, Taichung, Taiwan
50 projects_25 objects + 25 spaces, Axis Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
Japan: Tradition, Innovation, Canadian Museum of Civilization, Quebec, Canada
- 2010 *Thin Black Lines + Blurry White Surfaces*, Saatchi Gallery and Phillips de

Pury, London, England
Chair Garden, Antonia Jannone Gallery, Milan, Italy

The State of Things, Design and the 21st Century, Design Museum
Holon, Israel

- 2009 *Ghost Stories: New Design from nendo*, Museum of Arts and Design,
New York, NY
Ghost Stories, Inaugural solo exhibition. Friedman Benda, New York, NY
- 2008 *Milan Design Week*, Cappellini, De Padova, Council, Guzzini, Milan, Italy
Lexus L-finesse, La Permanente, Milan, Italy
Kuuki, Le Bain gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- 2006 Stockholm Furniture Fair, Stockholm, Sweden
Milan International Furniture Fair, Milan, Italy
bloomroom, Milan, Italy
Tokyo Object Flow, PNCA, Portland, Oregon
bloomroom, IED, Madrid, Spain
Handle Couples Project, Berlin, Germany
International Furniture Fair, Tokyo, Japan
- 2005 Stockholm Furniture Fair, Stockholm, Sweden
Milan International Furniture Fair. DePadova, Oluce, Swedese, Milan, Italy
ICFF New York, New York, NY
AMA-YADO LOUNGE, DesignTide, Tokyo, Japan
- 2004 Paris International Furniture Fair, Design Lab, Paris, France
International Furniture Fair, Cologne, Germany
Stockholm Furniture Fair, Stockholm, Sweden
Milan International Furniture Fair, Swedese and Salone Satellite, Milan, Italy
Furniture, Tokyo Design Center, Tokyo, Japan
- 2003 *Streeterior*, Milan Design Week, Milan, Italy; Tokyo Design Center,
Tokyo, Japan; Living Design Center OZONE, Tokyo, Japan

Select Group Exhibitions

- 2017 *NGV Triennial*, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, Australia
Free Play, Museum of Contemporary Art Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara,
CA
Mutations-Créations/ Imprimer le monde, Centre Pompidou, Paris

- 2016 *Design Currents: Oki Sato, Faye Toogood, Zanini de Zanine*, Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, PA
- 2014 *Space Dipped Shirts*, Milan Design Week, Milan, Italy
Rain Bottle, Maison & Objet, Paris, France
shelf + desk + chair = office, Orgatec, Cologne, Germany
- 2013 *Colored-pencil Table*, Saint-Etienne Design Biennial, Saint Etienne
Waterdream, Cersaie, Milan, Italy
Roof and Mushrooms, Kyoto University of Art and Design, Kyoto, Japan
- 2012 *Future Primitives*, Biennale Interieur, Kortrijk
Sex & Design Exhibition, Triennale Design Museum, Milan, Italy
- 2011 *Haute Tension*, Maison & Objet, Paris, France
Modern by Design, High Museum of Art, Atlanta, GA
Beijing International Design Triennial, Reason Design Emotion, National Museum of China, Beijing
Can you imagine?, MAXXI Museo Nazionale Delle Arti del XXI Secolo, Rome, Italy
- 2010 *13,798 grams of design*, Lambretto Art Project, Milan, Italy
International Kogei Triennale, 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa
Kansei Design Showcase, 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa
- 2009 *Extra Much*, imm cologne, Cologne, Germany
Hand of the Architect, Triennale di Milano, Milan, Italy
Tokyo Fiber, SENESWARE, Triennale di Milano, Milan, Italy
Second Nature, Rundetaarn, Copenhagen
Delight, Maison & Objet, Paris, France
Detour, MoMA Design Store, Tokyo, Japan
- 2008 *XXIst Century Man*, 21_21 DESIGN SIGHT, Tokyo, Japan
Design and the Elastic Mind, Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY
Foodesign, Triennale di Milano, Milan, Italy
- 2007 *Power of Expression, Japan*, National Art Center, Tokyo, Japan
All light, All right, Hangaram Design Museum, Seoul, Korea
Space for your future, Museum of Contemporary Art Tokyo, Japan
- 2006 *Archilab 2006*, Orleans, France
DuoHandles, Stilwerk, Berlin, German

- 2005 *Shanghai Cool*, Duolun Museum, Shanghai, China
- 2003 *Monom Factory*, Living Design Center OZONE, Tokyo, Japan

Awards

- 2015 Designer of the Year. Maison & Objet
Interior Designer of the Year, Iconic Design award
Change Maker of the Year 2015, Nikkei Online
Elle Deco, International Design Awards
- 2012 Designer of the Year. Wallpaper* Magazine
Designer of the Year. Elle Deco, International Design Award
- 2008 red dot design award, Germany
Furniture Design Award, FDA Grand Prize, Singapore
I.D. Annual Design Review, Design Distinction, USA
100% design, Best contribution to design, England
Brit Insurance, Design Award, England
iF product design award, Germany
- 2007 JCD Design Award, Gold Award, Silver Award and Special Mention
I.D. Annual Design Review, Best Product, Design Distinction and
Honorable Mention, USA
Elle Deco, International Design Award
- 2006 JCD Design Award, Special Mention and Silver Award
Architectural Record Magazine, Products Report for Prototype
Design for Asia, China
- 2005 JCD Design Award, Award for Excellence and Special Mention
JID Award Biennial, Grand Prix and Interior Product Award
- 2004 JCD Design Award, Rookie Award
Good Design Award
Elle Deco, International Design Award
- 2003 Design Report, Award Special Mention, Milan International Furniture Fair,
Salone Satellite, Milan, Italy
Tokyo Designers Block and TDB Award
Tokyo Designers Week and Design Premio, Tokyo, Japan
- 2002 KOIZUMI International Lighting Design Competition for Students, Gold
Award
SD Review

Tokyo Designers Block / FRAME Award for Installation

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