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# On the Radar

Arts and Culture Director  
Diane Solway's musts  
for September.

One of Nendo's  
Manga chairs.



## Hot Seats

There is design, and then there is Design! Nendo Inc., the Japanese firm helmed by Oki Sato, is a proponent of the latter, imbuing all of its projects (from dog accessories to department store interiors) with gleeful "aha" moments. Case in point: **"50 Manga Chairs,"** on view at Friedman Benda gallery, in New York, September 8 through October 29. Inspired by the strong symbolic nature of manga comics, the polished-stainless steel chairs do anything but just sit there. They look excited or agitated, ebullient or embarrassed. One appears to zoom through the room, another threatens to walk right out of it all together. ALIX BROWNE

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