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Phenomena Architect

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PROFILE

Takatoku Nishi is a Japanese artist and architectural researcher whose work explores how environmental phenomena such as light, wind, and atmospheric motion can be translated into spatial experience through architectural apparatus.

Through installations and site-specific structures, he investigates how subtle environmental forces become perceptible spatial conditions.

RESEARCH FOCUS

Environmental Phenomena / Optics / Apparatus Architecture / Atmospheric Space

EDUCATION

2021–Present

Ph.D. Candidate in Architecture

Tokyo University of the Arts, Tokyo, Japan

2021

Ph.D. in Design — Graduated with Top Honors

Tokyo University of the Arts, Tokyo, Japan

2018

M.A. in Design — Design N Award

Tokyo University of the Arts, Tokyo, Japan

2016

B.A. in Environmental Design — Graduated with Top Honors

Tama Art University, Tokyo, Japan

2010

Diploma in Interior Design

Tokyo Designer Gakuin, Tokyo, Japan

EXPERIENCE

- 2022–Present **OSOTO lab.** — Co-Founder
- 2018–2022 **Institute of Environmental Art and Design** — Officer
- 2016–2022 **Space Production Lab.** — Founder / Representative

SELECTED WORKS

- 2025 **Zon Weef** — Environmental Installation
ARE Residency Exhibition, Netherlands
- 2023 **Koive** — Environmental Installation
HIAP Open Studios, Finland
- 2021 **moor the Sky** — Site-Specific Installation
Naoetsu Umimachi Art Festival, Japan
- 2020 **Ripple** — Experimental Apparatus Installation
Core Research Project, Japan

EXHIBITIONS

2025

AIR Exhibition: OSOTO Lab — Open Studios

Lademoen Kunstnerverksteder (LKV),
Innherredsveien 65A, 7043 Trondheim (NO)

AIR Exhibition: OSOTO Lab — Exhibition

Lademoen Kunstnerverksteder (LKV),
Innherredsveien 65A, 7043 Trondheim (NO)

Zon Weef — Exhibition by ARE Artists-in-Residence (OSOTO lab.)

B93, Hoge Bothofstraat 166, Enschede (NL)

Old Mine Residency Guest Artists — Open Studios

Vanha Kaivos, Kaivosmiehenpolku 3,
Outokumpu (FIN)

Old Mine Residency Guest Artists — Exhibition

Vanha Kaivos, Kaivosmiehenpolku 3,
Outokumpu (FIN)

2024

Breathing Particles — TOKAS Creator-in-Residence 2024 Exhibition

Tokyo Arts and Space Hongo, Tokyo (JP)

Ateljé Stundars Guest Artists — Open Studios

Stundars Open Air Museum and Centre of
Culture and Art, Stundarsintie 5, Solf (FIN)

Ateljé Stundars Guest Artists — Exhibition

Stundars Open Air Museum and Centre of
Culture and Art, Stundarsintie 5, Solf (FIN)

- 40 × 40 Art & Design Exhibition — The Castle of Ravadinovo: In Love with the Wind**
A' Special Design Exhibition, Ravadinovo (BUL)
- 40 × 40 International Design Exhibition**
Academic Design Center, Academy of Fine Arts in Łódź–Księży Młyn, Łódź (POL)
- 2023 **HIAP Open Studios / Autumn 2023 — Group Exhibition**
HIAP Studio Building (Suomenlinna B34), Suomenlinna (FIN)
- International Design Exhibition**
MOOD Museum of Design, Como (ITA)
- JID AWARD 2022 Recipient Panel Touring Exhibition**
Touring Exhibition, Japan (JP)
- 2022 **JHOMON ART Onahama International Environmental Art Festival — Special Exhibition**
Aquamarine Fukushima, Fukushima (JP)
- THE WAY — Group Exhibition**
Valletta IAM Contemporary Art, Valletta (MLT)
- 2021 **Naoetsu Umimachi Art — Art Event**
Funami Park Coast, Niigata (JP)
- Tokyo Geidai Art Fes by Augmented Reality — Special Exhibition**
Former Zentsuji Kaikosha, Kagawa (JP)

- 2020 **Tokyo University of the Arts Graduate Art Research Doctoral Exhibition 2020**
Tokyo (JP)
- 2019 **SUTTEN – Is That Design? — Group Exhibition**
Aoyama Spiral Garden, Tokyo (JP)
20th Anniversary Conference of the Environmental Art Society: Environment and Art 1964 TOKYO 2020 — Conference Exhibition
Zojoji Temple, Tokyo (JP)
- Land Politics — Group Exhibition**
Valletta Contemporary Art Gallery, Valletta (MLT)
- 2018 **Transnational Tokyo — Group Exhibition**
138 St. Christopher Street, Valletta (MLT)
- European Capital of Culture VALLETTA 2018 — Art Event**
Mediterranean Conference Area, Valletta (MLT)
- Tokyo University of the Arts Graduation Exhibition**
Tokyo (JP)
- 2017 **SUKI FES 2017 — Art Event**
Ueno Park, Tokyo (JP)
- 2016 **JID AWARD 2016 Recipient Panel Touring Exhibition**
Touring Exhibition, Japan (JP)

Ueno Night Park: The First Night — Art Event

Ueno Park, Tokyo (JP)

Winter Vista Illumination 2016 — Art Event

Showa Memorial Park, Tokyo (JP)

MIDLAND CHRISTMAS 2016 — Art Event

Midland Square, Nagoya (JP)

MITSUKOSHI × GEIDAI DESIGN AWARD — Group Exhibition

Nihonbashi Mitsukoshi, Tokyo (JP)

SUKI FES 2016 — Art Event

Ueno Park, Tokyo (JP)

2015

Light Workshop

Machiya Kindergarten, Tokyo (JP)

Tama Art University Department of Environmental Design Graduation Exhibition

Tokyo (JP)

Shinjuku Creators Festa — Spatial Design Exhibition

Shinjuku Center Building, Tokyo (JP)

2014

Pacific Rim 9th: Light & Shadow – The Art of Illumination — Final Exhibition

Tama Art University Library, Tokyo (JP)

2013

12dazn — Group Exhibition

The Artcomplex Center of Tokyo (JP)

**JIA Architect's Light Competition 2013 —
Recipient Panel Exhibition**
Chika-Ho, Hokkaido (JP)

RESIDENCIES

2025

**Lademoen Kunstnerverksteder (LKV) —
Artist-in-Residence**
2025.10–11 / Trondheim (NO)

**ARE – Artist Residencies Enschede —
Artist-in-Residence**
2025.06–08 / Enschede (NL)

Old Mine Residency — Artist-in-Residence
2025.03–06 / Outokumpu (FI)

2024

Ateljé Stundars — Guest Artist Residency
2024.05–08 / Solf (FI)

2023

**TOKAS Tokyo–Helsinki Exchange
Residency Program**
2023.08–11 / Tokyo Arts and Space (JP)

**HIAP – Helsinki International Artist
Programme**
2023.08–11 / Helsinki (FI)

2018

**Institute of Art Malta — Language Program
Residency**
2018.09–2019.03 / Malta (MT)

AWARDS

2025

Shortlisted in Create (Art), LICC – London International Creative Competition 2024

Categories: CREATE (Art) / GBR

Shortlisted in Create (Art), LICC – London International Creative Competition 2024 — by OSOTO lab.

Categories: CREATE (Art) / GBR

World Top Designers Visionary – Best Designers Worldwide 2025, A' Design Award

ITA

World Top Architects Innovator – Best Architects Worldwide 2025, A' Design Award

ITA

2024

Emerging Designer Winner, Design Educates Awards 2024

Categories: Architecture / POL

Honorable Mention, Design Educates Awards 2024

Categories: Architecture / POL

Best in BUILD (Architecture) Winner, LICC – London International Creative Competition 2023

Categories: BUILD (Architecture) / GBR

2023

Shortlisted in Create (Art), LICC – London International Creative Competition 2023 — by Space Production Lab.

Categories: CREATE (Art) / GBR

Gold Award Winner, 4 Future Awards 2023

Light Art Category / CAN

Gold Award Winner, 4 Future Awards 2023

Architectural & Art Category / CAN

Gold Award Winner, 4 Future Awards 2023

Daylight Project Category / CAN

Honorable Mention Winner, 4 Future Awards 2023

Architectural Design – Conceptual

Architecture Category / CAN

Best of Best (Student Prize), Architecture MasterPrize 2023

Architectural Design / Conceptual Architecture / USA

Emerging Architectural Lighting Designer of the Year, LIT Lighting Design Awards 2023

Category: Architectural Lighting Design / Daylighting / CHE

Winner, LIT Lighting Design Awards 2023

Category: Architectural Lighting Design / Visitor Experience & Museum Exhibition

Architectural Design of the Year (Emerging Architect), BLT Built Design Awards 2023

Category: Architectural Design / CHE

Special Mention Winner, Architizer Vision Awards 2023

Category: Student Creator of the Year / USA

Winner, Red Dot Design Award: Design Concept 2023

Category: Architecture / DEU, SGP

Finalist, Red Dot Design Award: Design Concept 2023

Category: Exhibition and Events

Special Mention Winner, A+ Awards 2023

Category: Architecture + Art / USA

Silver A' Design Award Winner, A' Design Award and Competition

Category: Architecture / Building and Structure Design / ITA

2022

Grand Prix Winner, JID AWARD 2022

JPN

Guest Jury Special Prize of Hiroshi Nakamura, JID AWARD 2022

JPN

2021

Art Renaissance Prize Winner, Tokyo Geidai Art Fest

JPN

Art Renaissance Prize Winner, Tokyo Geidai Art Fest

JPN

Guest Jury Special Prize of Kengo Kuma, Tokyo Geidai Art Fest

JPN

- Nomura Art Prize Winner, Nomura Foundation**
JPN
- 2018 **Award of Design N, Tokyo University of the Arts**
JPN
- 2017 **Shortlisted, 17th Art Meets Architecture Competition**
JPN
- 2016 **NEXTAGE Prize Winner, JID AWARD 2016**
JPN
- 2015 **Grand Prize — Graduation Work, Tama Art University (Dept. of Environmental Design)**
JPN
- Grand Prize Winner, Shinjuku Creators Festa**
Category: Space Design / JPN
- 2013 **Grand Prize Winner, JIA–Daiko Architecture Lighting Design Competition**
JPN

PUBLICATIONS

- 2025 **Transforming Environmental Phenomena into Embodied Spatial Experience through Apparatus Architecture: A Case Study of “Ripple,” A Site-Specific Installation**
Published in *Advanced Design Conference 2025 Proceedings* (ISBN 978-88-97977-94-0)
- 2021 **Phenomena of Light and Atmosphere — 光が織りなす現象と空気感**
Thesis / Dissertation_02(1), Degree No. 12606-Kou-1033
- 2020 **Institute of Environmental Art and Design — Academic Journal, No. 24**
Published
- 2019 **Institute of Environmental Art and Design — Academic Journal, No. 23**
Published
- 20th Anniversary Convention “Environmental Art 1964 TOKYO 2020”**
Panel and Oral Presentation, Tokyo, Japan
- 2018 **Institute of Environmental Art and Design — Academic Journal, No. 21**
Published
- 3rd Fujian Province Taiwan Culture & Creative Design Forum**
Panel Presentation, China

TALKS & LECTURES

- 2025
- LUNCHWITH GUESTARTIST OSOTO lab. —
Speaker**
Lademoen Kunstnerverksteder (LKV),
Mellomveien 3a, 7067 Trondheim (NO)
- MEET US: Artist Presentation (OSOTO lab.)
— Speaker**
Concordia Enschede, Langestraat 56, 7511
HC Enschede (NL)
- 2024
- Breathing Particles Phase 2: Artist Talk 2
— Speaker**
Tokyo Arts and Space Hongo, Tokyo (JP)
- 2023
- Lecture on “Basic Formative Arts” —
Guest Lecturer**
Department of Architecture, Musashino Art
University, Tokyo (JP)
- JID AWARD Forum 2022 & 2023 New Year
Exchange Event — Solo Presentation**
Organized by Japan Interior Designers'
Association (JID)
Tokyo Midtown Liaison Center, Tokyo (JP)
- Design Students Exchange Project: “The
Present State of Interior Design” —
Speaker**
Organized by Nagoya City & International
Design Center NAGOYA Inc.
Co-organized by Japan Interior Designers'
Association (JID) & Chubu Design Association
Nagoya Innovators Garage 3F, Aichi (JP)

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

2025

Dispatch Grant (Arts Sector), Gyomu Super Japan Dream Foundation — OSOTO lab.
Japan (JP)

Dispatch Grant (Overseas Research / Training), Union of Formative Arts and Culture
Japan (JP)

Dispatch Grant, Scandinavia–Japan Sasakawa Foundation — OSOTO lab.
Japan (JP)

2024

Dispatch Grant (Arts Sector), Gyomu Super Japan Dream Foundation — OSOTO lab.
Japan (JP)

Arts and Culture Grant, Nomura Foundation — OSOTO lab.
Japan (JP)

2023

Exchange Residency Program (Japanese Creators Sent Abroad), Tokyo Arts and Space (TOKAS)
Japan (JP)

ACADEMIC DISTINCTION

- 2024 **Gion Arts and Sports Promotion Foundation**
Japan (JP)
- 2022 **Japan Arts Foundation**
Japan (JP)
- 2021 **Repayment Exemption for Students with Excellent Grades, JASSO**
Full Loan Exemption / Japan Student Services Organization (JP)
- 2020 **Hirayama Ikuo Cultural Arts Foundation**
Japan (JP)
- 2018 **Repayment Exemption for Students with Excellent Grades, JASSO**
Full Loan Exemption / Japan Student Services Organization (JP)
- 2015 **Scholarship, The Alumni Association of Tama Art University**
Japan (JP)
- Prize Fellowship, Tama Art University**
Japan (JP)
- 2014 **Moritani Scholarship Foundation**
Japan (JP)
- First Place, Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO)**
Japan (JP)

Honors Scholarship, Tama Art University

Japan (JP)

Prize Fellowship, Tama Art University

Japan (JP)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

2023

JID AWARD 2023 — Guest Jury

Japan Interior Designers' Association (JID),
Japan (JP)

2022

IEAD23 Akita Conference — Judging

Member

(Excellent Presentation Award Selection)

Institute of Environmental Art and Design
Conference, Akita (JP)