

# Takatoku Nishi

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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	—————	<b>Ph.D. Candidate in Architecture</b> Tokyo University of the Arts, Tokyo, Japan
2021	—————	<b>Ph.D. in Design</b> — Graduated with Top Honors Tokyo University of the Arts, Tokyo, Japan
2018	—————	<b>M.A. in Design</b> — Design N Award Tokyo University of the Arts, Tokyo, Japan
2016	—————	<b>B.A. in Environmental Design</b> — Graduated with Top Honors Tama Art University, Tokyo, Japan
2010	—————	<b>Diploma in Interior Design</b> 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 — **NAGI TEI** — Experimental Rock Garden  
LKV Residency Exhibition, Norway
- Zon Weef** — Environmental Installation  
ARE Residency Exhibition, Netherlands
- 2023 — **Koive** — Experimental Structural Installation  
HIAP Open Studios, Finland
- 2021 — **moor the Sky** — Site-Specific Garden  
Naoetsu Umimachi Art Festival, Japan
- 2020 — **Ripple** — Experimental Apparatus Installation  
Core Research Project, Japan

## EXHIBITIONS

2025

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**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

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**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)

**Light Workshop**

Machiya Kindergarten, Tokyo (JP)

2015 —————

**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)

**Tokyo Designers Week 2013**

Student team, Jingu Mae, 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

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**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





## 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)