NINA CHO

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EDUCATION

2013-2015 **MFA** in 3D Design
Cranbrook Academy of Art, Bloomfield Hills, MI, USA

2008-2013 **BFA** in Woodworking and Furniture Design
Hong-Ik University, Seoul, South Korea

2012 Certification in Crafts (Korean Traditional Woodworking)
KOUS (Korea Cultural Heritage Foundation), Seoul, South Korea

WORK EXPERIENCE

2015- Current
Founder and Designer of Nina Cho LLC (Independent Design studio), Detroit, MI, USA

I have been running an active product design studio to wide spread recognition within the field of high-end design. I was recognized as an Honoree of Sight Unseen's 2015 American Design Hot List, presented in partnership with Herman Miller and featured as one of Five Breakout Designers of 2015 in Artsy. I was nominated for the Pure Talents Contest at Imm Cologne in 2016 and held a residency in 2016 in Tuscany, Italy, sponsored by the London gallery MOS. In 2018, the Toledo Museum of Art invited me to participate in the Guest Artist Pavilion Project. In 2019, I was recognized as one of 13 Extraordinary Women in Design and Architecture by Dwell. In 2020, I received the 6th Annual American Design Honors by Wanted Design presented with Bernhardt Design.

2020 **Adjunct Faculty** at University of Detroit Mercy, Detroit, MI, USA

I'm currently teaching Visual Communication 2 at architecture school. The course introduces a variety of concepts and instruments to build a core visual literacy through modeling, virtual simulation, representation and fabrication.

Partnership with Object and Space, Farmington Hills, MI, USA
Collaborated with the local furniture design company on producing the Recess Table design

2017- 2019
Adjunct Faculty at College for Creative Studies, Detroit, MI, USA
Instructor for the courses of product design, portfolio and hand drawing.

2016 **Partnership with Souda,** New York City, NY, USA
Licensing the Wave Business Card Holder design to the product design company

Partnership with Tait Design Co., Detroit, MI, USA
Licensing the Spinning Top and Stand Design to the product design company

Partnership with MOS, London, UK **and Carrara Design Factory,** Carrara, Italy
Licensing the Coulee Furniture and Product Collection to MOS design gallery.
The collection are manufactured by Carrara Design Factory,

2014 **Assistant Product Designer** at Scott Klinker Product Design, Bloomfield Hills, MI, USA
Scott is a designer in residence in 3D design at Cranbrook Academy of Art. I was selected student among the class to assist him with his product design development during summer break between first year and second year. I handled multiple projects and valuable strategies essential to managing an interdisciplinary studio practice. My role was instrumental in the development of four new furniture prototypes.

Department Assistant
3D model shop at Cranbrook Academy of Art, Bloomfield Hills, MI, USA

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SKILLS

Language

English, Korean

Programs

Adobe Suite(Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign)
Keynote
Rhinoceros 3D
Auto CAD
Microsoft Office

Hands on

Drawing skills(Observational/Design)
Woodworking
Metal working
CNC operation
Laser Cutting operation
3D printing operation

AWARDS AND HONORS

2020 Winner of 2020 **NYCXDESIGN awards** in the accessories category, Interior Design Magazine

6th Annual American Design Honors, Wanted Design presented with Bernhardt Design

2019 Designer of the day, Surface Magazine

13 Extraordinay Women in Design and Architecture You Need to Know, Dwell Magazine

Hometown Heroes: Furniture Designer Nina Cho, Madewell Inspo

2018 **Winner of Urban Furniture Competition,** Detroit Month of Design

Selected Designer, GAPP(Guest Artist Pavilion Project) Residency, Toledo Museum of Art

2017 Nominated participant of the Prototype, IDS Toronto, Canada

2016 Winner of MOS (Matter of Stuff gallery) Designer Residencies Competition, Italy

Featured piece, UNICEF ART PARTY

Nominated participant of the Pure Talents Contest, IMM Cologne, Germany

2015 Selected designer as one of the 5 Breakout Designers of 2015, Artsy

Selected Honoree of Sight Unseen's 2015 American Design Hot List, Sight Unseen (presented in partnership with Herman Miller)

2015 Honorable Mention, The 9th Cheongju International Craft Biennale, South Korea

Scholarship Awardee, Detroit Creative Corridor Center's Client Services Boot Camp

Nominee, Mercedes-Benz Financial Services Emerging Artist Award Finalist in 3D Design at Cranbrook Academy of Art

2014 Academic Winner of Design project, Kikkerland and Bed Bath & Beyond

Runner Up, You Are How You Eat design contest, Design Milk (partners at Alessi, Adobe and Shapeways)

Selected participant, FIRST THINGS FIRST Show by Fab.com

2012 Selected in Kyungki-province contest exhibit(Corporate category), South Korea
Selected in Kyungki-province contest exhibit(Freedom category), South Korea

2010 Selected in Junk Art contest exhibit, South Korea

2009 Selected in Steel Furniture Design, South Korea

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PUBLIC LECTURE

2018
GAPP Artist Lecture
Toledo Museum of Art,
Toledo, Ohio

2017
New Domestic Landscape Symposium
deSalle Auditorium,
Cranbrook Art Museum,
Bloomfield Hills, MI

2016
Korean Artists presentation, Korean Cultural Center DC,
Washington, D.C.

RESIDENCY

2018
GAPP
(Guest Artist Pavilion Project) Residency,
Toledo Museum of Art,
Toledo, Ohio

2016
MOS (Matter of Stuff) Designer Residency,
Officina Creativa dell'Abitare, Montalcino,
Tuscany, Italy

2010
Boisbuchet Residency,
Lessac, France

SOLO EXHIBITION

2021 American Design Honors 2020 by Wanted Design, New York City, NY, USA (forthcoming)
2019 Conception, Colony, NYC, NY, USA
2015 UNTITLED, Elli Gotlieb Gallery, Chicago, IL, USA

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITION

2021 With Eyes Opened: Cranbrook Academy of Art since 1932, Cranbrook Art Museum, Bloomfield Hills, MI (forthcoming)
12 Korean Female Artists Group Show, Korean Cultural Center DC, Washington, D.C. (forthcoming)
Broom Show, Cooler Gallery, Brooklyn, NY, USA (forthcoming)

2019 Coast to Coast, Neue House with Design Milk & Colony, NYC, NY
Chiaroscuro, Next Space Gallery, Detroit, MI
Safe Space, Detroit Public Library, Detroit, MI

2018 SHAPE: Defining furniture in Michigan's design legacy, Shinola, Detroit, MI
Blue Room, Junior League of Designer Show House, Charles T. Fisher Mansion, Detroit, MI
Urban Furniture installation during the Detroit Design Festival, Detroit, MI
From then till downtown, 1301 Broadway, Detroit, MI
Sight Unseen OFFSITE Selects during the NYC Design Week, New York, NY

2017 The Between, Artbn Gallery, Seoul
MOS Collection show, London Design Festival(Mayfair Design District), Sketch, London
SUR/FACE: Mirrors, Museum Angewandte Kunst, Frankfurt
Cranbrook: A New Domestic Landscape, Cranbrook Art Museum, Bloomfield Hills, MI
MOS Collection show during the Salone Del Mobile, ME Milan, Milan
MIART, Matter of Stuff gallery, Milan
Prototype, Interior Design Show, Toronto, ON

2016 The London Design Festival, Matter of Stuff gallery, London
PRISMATIC, Korean Cultural Center DC, Washington, D.C.
The Montalcino Design Week, Matter of Stuff gallery, Montalcino
Design in Detroit, Robert Adler Gallery, Detroit
Pure Talents Contest, IMM Cologne, Cologne
TO DO Festival Exhibition: In Series during the Toronto Design Offsite Festival, Toronto, ON
FORM EVER FOLLOWS, Cornell College, Mount Vernon, IA

2015 The 9th Cheongju International Craft Biennale, Cheongju
Sight Unseen OFFSITE during the NYC Design Week, Hudson Mercantile, New York, NY
ICFF during the NYC Design Week, Javits Center, New York, NY
The 2015 Graduate Degree Exhibition of Cranbrook Academy of Art, Cranbrook Art Museum, Bloomfield Hills, MI

2014 UP & AT EM(Design Exhibition), Liminal Space, Chicago, IL
EXPERIENCING PERSPECTIVES, Mercedes-Benz Financial Services, Farmington Hills, MI
FIRST THINGS FIRST, Fab's Showroom in Soho, New York, NY
CRANBROOK INTERIOR, Forum Gallery, Bloomfield Hills, MI

2012 Korea/Japan/China Exchange Exhibit, Hong Ik Art center, Seoul
Hong Ik University woodworking & Furniture design Graduation Exhibit, HOMA, Seoul
Coalition Exhibit, Municipal Art Center Kyunghi palace annex Exhibit, Seoul
KOFURN Fair, KINTEX Exhibit, Ilsan, Gyeongi-do

2011 HAND MADE KOREA Fair, COEX Exhibit, Seoul

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SELECTED PUBLICATIONS/PRESS

Wava Carpenter, *"American Design Stories: Nina Cho"*. **Design Miami**
November 24, 2020 https://shop.designmiami.com/blogs/news/american-design-stories-nina-cho

Kate Reggev, *"13 Extraordinary Women in Design and Architecture You Need to Know"*. **Dwell**
March 8, 2019. https://www.dwell.com/article/best-women-designers-architects-98a7b290

Jesse Dorris, *"10 Questions With... Nina Cho"*. **Interior Design**
June 13, 2020. https://www.interiordesign.net/articles/18141-10-questions-with-nina-cho/

"Design in Asia, The New Wave", **Design Anthology**
Publication, 2020

Ryan Waddoups, *"Designer of the Day : Nina Cho"*. **Surface**
July 15, 2019 https://www.surfacemag.com/articles/nina-cho-designer-day/

Rene Spitz, "100 books that every designer should know", **AVedition**
Publication, 2019

Hadley Keller, *"The Standout Presentations from Sight Unseen Offsite"*. **Architectural Digest**
May 16, 2018. https://www.architecturaldigest.com/gallery/sight-unseen-offsite-best-nyc-design-week/all

Sujata Burman, *"Young turks : IMM Cologne's Pure Talents Contest hosts innovative forms"*. **Wallpaper**
January 07, 2016. https://www.wallpaper.com/design/imm-cologne-pure-talents-contest-hosts-innovative-forms-by-fresh-crop-of-design-talents

Aleks Trajkovski, *"FIELD - The Work Catalogue"*. **Grand Circus Magazine**
F/W 2016 issue

Ariela Gittlen, *"5 Breakout Designers of 2015"*. **Artsy**
December 28, 2015. https://www.artsy.net/article/artsy-editorial-5-breakout-designers-of-2015

Allison Fonder, *"Sight Unseen OFFSITE 2015"*. **Core77**
May 20, 2015. http://www.core77.com/gallery/37092/Sight-Unseen-OFFSITE-2015#image=5

Sean Santiago, *"20 Incredible Small-Space Inventions You Haven't Seen Yet "*. **Refinery29**
May 14, 2015. http://www.refinery29.com/bed-bath-beyond-kikkerland-small-space-designs#slide-6

Jaime Derringer, *"YOU ARE HOW YOU EAT CONTEST WINNERS"*. **Design Milk**
November 14, 2014. http://design-milk.com/eat-contest-winners/

Liz Logan, *"These Women Designers Are Shaking Up a Male-Dominated Industry"*. **Introspective**
February 08, 2018, https://www.1stdibs.com/introspective-magazine/women-furniture-designers/

Jessica Jungbauer, *"Sculptural Mirrors By Nina Cho"*. **iGNANT**
February 03, 2016. http://www.ignant.de/2016/02/03/sculptural-mirrors-by-nina-cho/

Team Yellowtrace, *"IMM Cologne 2016: Young Designers at Pure Talents Contest"*. **Yellowtrace**
January 26, 2016. http://www.yellowtrace.com.au/imm-cologne-2016-pure-talents-contest/

Jill Singer, *"UP AND COMING NINA CHO, FURNITURE DESIGNER"*. **Sight Unseen**
June 24, 2015. http://www.sightunseen.com/2015/06/nina-cho-furniture-designer/

David Dick-Agnew, *"CULTURE JAM, NYCxDesign"*. **Azure Magazine**
September issue

Alissa Ponchione, *"Products Profile, Emerging Designers"* **Hospitality Design Magazine**
August issue, 2015. http://www.nxtbook.com/nxtbooks/hd/201508/index.php#/78 (Digital Edition)

Icon Magazine, *"Product Directory"*. **Icon Eye**
August issue, 2015. http://www.iconeye.com/products/item/13-seating/2241-nina-cho-design-aug2015