

JASON NECHES, IALD, MIES
Principal

Professional Experience:

June 2016

WATT Lighting Design

Founder and Principal

November 2004 – May 2016

L'Observatoire International; New York, NY

Director (since 2009), Project Manager, Senior Lighting Designer

Representative Projects:

Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square PA

The High Line, NY

Navy Pier, Chicago

Lincoln Center Alice Tully Hall and Juilliard School

Seamarq Hotel Geyongpodae, Korea

Metropolitan Museum Façade and Plaza

125th Street Redevelopment, New York, NY

Taikoo Hui, Hong Kong

One Island East, Hong Kong

East Hotel, Hong Kong

Vanke Center, Shenzhen, China

Marc Jacobs Showroom, NY

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond, VA

West8 + Beyer Blinder Belle

James Corner Field Operations

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Diller Scofidio + Renfro

Richard Meier & Partners

OLIN

Mathews Nielsen Landscape Architecture

Arquitectonica

Wong & Ouyang

CL3, Wong Tong

Steven Holl Architects

Jaklitsch / Gardner Architects

Rick Mather Architects

July 2003 – November 2004

Claude R. Engle, Lighting Consultant, Washington, DC

Assistant Lighting Designer in all project phases of design: lighting fixture research and selection, lighting layouts, lighting calculations and analyses, CAD, presentation of lighting design intent, written specifications, review of shop drawings

June 1998 – August 2001

AEON / DLD Language Resources, Tokyo, Japan

English Instructor: clients included lawyers, engineers, business professionals and university students.

November 1994 – May 1998

Japonesque Gallery, San Francisco, California

Manager of Japanese owned gallery of contemporary Japanese fine art, craft, and antiques. Responsible for day-to-day management and bookkeeping for the gallery.

Education:

Master of Science in Lighting, 2003

Lighting Research Center

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; Troy, NY

Bachelor of Science in Finance, 1993

Bachelor of Science in International Business, 1993

University of Maryland; College Park, MD

Teaching / Lectures / Talks:

Illuminating Thoughts on Nighttime Design
National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) Annual Conference
Seattle, WA
September 2016

Light Pollution Symposium (<http://www.be-exchange.org/events/156>)
Building Energy Change
New York, NY
November 2015

Lighting and Placemaking: Parks & Civic Spaces
San Francisco Section of the Illuminating Engineering Society of North America (IESNA)
San Francisco, CA
April 2015

Parsons The New School for Design
School of Constructed Environments
Associate professor for 1st year MFA lighting design studio
Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Fall 2015

Open House New York (OHNY)
Walking Above Light: High Line Lighting Tour
New York, NY
2014

New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT)
College of Architecture and Design
Professor for architectural lighting course, Spring semester 2015 (including development of course curriculum)
Guest lecturer and critic for 5th year undergraduate studio, Spring 2013

The Lighting of the High Line
Designers Lighting Forum of New York
New York, NY
2011

The Lighting of Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall and Juilliard School
Designers Lighting Forum of New York
New York, NY
2010

The Lighting of Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall and Juilliard School
San Francisco Section of the Illuminating Engineering Society of North America (IESNA)
San Francisco, CA
2009

Professional Memberships:

IALD Professional Member since 2012
IES Member since 2016

Judging Panels:

2017	Illumination Awards, Illuminating Engineering Society (IES) Seattle Chapter
2016-17	Lightfair Conference Advisory Committee
2015	Illumination Awards, Illuminating Engineering Society of North America (IESNA)
2011	Product Report Lighting, Architectural Record

Project Awards:

(* indicates lighting design by Jason Neches while at L'Observatoire International)

Beale Street Landing; Memphis, TN*

- Architizer A+ Award Jury Winner for Marinas & Ports, 2016

East Hotel; Hong Kong*

- Interior Design Magazine, Best of Year 2010
- International Interior Design Association (IIDA), Global Excellence Award Winner

Fire Island Residence; Long Island, New York*

- AIANY Architecture Merit Award, 2014
- IESNY Lumen Award of Merit, 2014

High Line; New York, NY*

- Architizer A+ Award, 2014
- ASLA Honor Award, 2013
- IESNY Lumen Award of Merit, 2012
- IALD Special Citation, 2012
- IES Illumination Award of Merit, 2010
- NY Landmarks Conservancy, Lucy G. Moses Preservation Award, 2010
- Municipal Art Society of NY, Masterworks Award, 2010

Lincoln Center – Alice Tully Hall; New York, NY*

- IESNY Lumen Award of Merit, 2010
- AIA Honor Award, Architecture, 2010
- Municipal Art Society of NY, Masterworks Award, 2010
- ARCHITECT magazine P/A Award, 2009

Juilliard School; New York, NY*

- IESNY Lumen Award of Merit, 2010

Metropolitan Museum Façade and Plaza; New York, NY*

- IESNY Lumen Award of Merit, 2015

Vanke Headquarters; Shenzhen, China*

- AIA Institute Honor Award, 2011
- AIANY Honor Award, 2011
- American Architecture Award, 2011
- Green Good Design Award, 2010

Sustainability Certifications

(indicates lighting design by Jason Neches while at L'Observatoire International)*

One Island East, Hong Kong*

BEAM Platinum certification (Building Environmental Assessment Method from the United Kingdom)

Taikoo Hui, Guangzhou China*

LEED Gold certification

Vanke Headquarters; Shenzhen, China*

LEED Platinum certification