

REI TASAKA

Rei Tasaka is a graduate from the school of architecture at the University of Waterloo, Ontario. Her interest is in the both historic and temporal nature of modern cities as it transforms and continues to cultivate its urban identity. Her design thesis sought the demise of Tokyo's urban spaces with the advent of the modernist age. In her exploration in revitalizing neglected riversides, she envisioned how site-specific insertions, both permanent and temporary, can collectively perform as strategic representations of a city's urban morphology inherent to its inhabitants.

At Urban Strategies, Rei works on the East Bayfront Precinct Plan implementation for the Toronto Waterfront. She is also part of the team designing the South Docklands site along River Lee in Ireland, which focuses on a sustainable design framework and implementation strategy to create a diverse waterfront community as an extension of the historic city centre of Cork.

Rei was an intern architect and designer in Toronto, Chicago and Tokyo before joining the firm. She assisted in projects from residential, office towers, exhibitions, interior renovations in both North American and Japanese practices. Rei was an adjunct professor for the Urban Design studio in 2006 at the school of architecture at the University of Waterloo. Rei focuses in her designs the importance of sustainable site design through critical speculation of program and spatial quality of urban spaces.

EDUCATION

2004

Master of Architecture
University of Waterloo

2001

Bachelor of Environmental Studies
Honours Co-op Program
University of Waterloo

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

2005-present	Urban Designer, Urban Strategies Inc., Toronto, Ontario
2006	Adjunct Professor, University of Waterloo, Ontario
2003-2004	Intern Architect, Mitsubishi Jisho Sekkei, Tokyo, Japan
2003	Intern Architect, Pacific Consultants Ltd., Tokyo, Japan
2001	Assistant Interior Designer+Architect, Gensler, Tokyo
2001	Intern Architect, DeStefano+Partners, Chicago, USA
2000	Assistant Designer, Natasha Lebel, Toronto, Ontario
1999	Architectural Assitant, Manasc Isaac Architects, Edmonton
1999	Architectural Assitant, TAS Design Inc., Toronto, Ontario

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CURRICULUM VITAE

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SELECTED PROJECTS

2007-	Women's College Hospital, Toronto, Ontario
2006-	East Bayfront West Precinct Plan, Toronto, Ontario
2006-	Cork South Docklands Masterplan, Cork, Ireland
2006-2007	Unwin Corridor, Toronto, Ontario
2005-2006	Canada Water Masterplan, London, UK
2005	172 King Street West office renovation
2004	New Marunouchi Building, Marunouchi, Tokyo
2003	Yuzawa Sabo Riverside Development, Yuzawa, Japan
2001	Citadel Office interior, Akasaka, Tokyo
2001	39th&Iron Warehouse, Chicago
2000	Triangle Studios, Toronto, Ontario
2000	London Science Museum signage, London, UK
2000	Roma XX Exhibition at BCE Place, Toronto, Ontario
1999	Epcor-Rosssdale Urban Park, Edmonton, Alberta
1999	Calder Elementary School, Edmonton, Alberta