



## **Billie Tsien**

*Partner, Tod Williams Billie Tsien | Architects*

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Billie Tsien was born in Ithaca, NY and received her undergraduate degree in Fine Arts from Yale University and her Master of Architecture degree from UCLA. In 1986 she and Tod Williams founded their architecture firm Tod Williams Billie Tsien Architects | Partners.

Located in New York City, their studio focuses on work for institutions including schools, museums, and not-for-profits. A sense of rootedness, light, texture, detail, and most of all, experience, are at the heart of what they design. Their portfolio includes such notable public projects as The Barnes Foundation in Philadelphia, LeFrak Center at Lakeside in Prospect Park, Brooklyn, the Asia Society Center in Hong Kong. In Chicago, they were the architects for the Logan Center for the Arts at the University of Chicago and they are currently designing The Obama Presidential Center in Jackson Park. Over the past three decades their dedication to this work has been recognized by numerous national and international citations including the 2013 Firm Award from the American Institute of Architects and the National Medal of the Arts from President Obama.

In parallel with her practice, Billie is deeply involved in the cultural community and maintains long-standing associations with many organizations devoted to the arts. She is currently President of the Academy of Arts and Letters, a Fellow of the American Academy in Rome, and has been inducted into the National Academy of Design, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the American Philosophical Society. She also maintains an active academic career and lectures worldwide.

As both an educator and practitioner, she is deeply committed to making a better world through architecture.