



YOSHITSUGU NAGANO

JAPANESE TEA RITUAL MASTER

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CREDENTIALS

BONDATE DAITENMOKU

Highest-level license awarded
by the Ueda Sōko School
Title conferred: Professor
2018

EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Hiroshima City University, Japan
2012

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Tea rituals (chaji and chakai)
Lectures and demonstrations
Workshops and classes
Cultural programming
Brand and institutional
commissions
Private and corporate events

SUMMARY

Nagano is a chanoyu master, educator, and cultural producer. He trained in Hiroshima in Ueda Sōko-ryū, the samurai tea tradition practiced in Japan for over four hundred years, and in 2018 became the youngest person to reach its highest rank. He moved to New York in 2019 to carry chanoyu beyond Japan, and has since conducted more than 150 tea rituals and given over 400 lectures. In 2022 he founded Chanoyu Week NYC, a week-long program held each November.

SELECTED WORK

IPPODO GALLERY OPENING TEA RITUAL

Ippodo Gallery, New York | 2025

CHANOYU WORKSHOP FOR THE SCHOOL OF VISUAL ARTS

Globus Chashitsu, New York | 2025

TEA RITUAL FOR THE OPENING OF SNOW PEAK CAMP FIELD

Snow Peak Camp Field, Long Beach, Washington | 2024

TEA RITUAL FOR BVLGARI

BVLGARI, New York | 2023

TEA RITUAL WITH DAVID ZWIRNER BOOKS

Globus Washitsu, New York | 2022

TEA RITUAL DEMONSTRATION

Brooklyn Botanic Garden, New York | 2021

JFOODO JAPANESE GREEN TEA DEMONSTRATION

Japan Society, New York | 2019

TEA RITUAL OF SŌKO-KI AT SANGEN-IN

Daitoku-ji, Kyoto | 2018

TERUNOBU FUJIMORI: ARCHITECTURE WITH NATURE, AND ROJO

Hiroshima City Museum of Contemporary Art | 2017

70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ATOMIC BOMBING — MEMORIAL TEA CEREMONY

Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park | 2015

SELECTED PRESS & MEDIA

OPRAH DAILY

Editorial Feature · 2025

BBC REEL

Short Documentary · 2023

ABC7 NEW YORK

TV Interview · 2025

YAHOO! JAPAN

Online Feature · 2023

FULL POUR

Magazine Interview · 2023

WEEKLY NY SEIKATSU

Newspaper Interview · 2023

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