



# Nestor Perkal

## Architecte Scénographe Designer

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In 1978, Nestor Perkal left his native land, Argentina, to settle in France. He first thrived in Paris as an independent designer, creating original furniture. At the same time, he opened a gallery and was the first to represent Memphis. His creations were displayed at the exhibition *Life with colours* of the Cartier Foundation in 1985. Then, he moved to Limoges where he led the Craft, a research center about the art of ceramic making.

An artistic community gathered around him. He worked with many creators, designers, artists, but also manufacturers, sponsors and collectors. Having grown as an artist through time, Nestor Perkal played and is still playing a crucial part in promoting and producing the work of contemporary designers, architects and artists.

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