

Yves Béhar Biography

Yves Béhar is the founder of the San Francisco and New York design studio, fuseproject. With his work, Béhar pursues three creeds: being a futurist and showing optimism for new technologies, being a humanist in the sense of designing products primarily for the human experience, and being a naturalist by promoting sustainable ways of living and consuming.

Béhar designed the XO laptop for the social welfare organization One Laptop Per Child (OLPC) founded by Nicholas Negroponte, which supports the education of children in developing countries and which has delivered 1,4 million laptops in 30 nations. Béhar is now working on the laptop's successor, the "XO-3" tablet version. Other examples of Mr. Béhar's diverse commissions include the Mission One, the world's fastest electric production sportbike; a partnership with "Jawbone", a leading edge mobile phone headset company; "LeCube", a set top box for France's premier digital TV brand Canal +; and the LEAF LED light for Herman Miller.

Yves' work has been the subject of two solo exhibitions and resides in the permanent collections of international museums worldwide, including the Musée d'Art Moderne/Pompidou Center, the MOMA, The Munich Museum of Applied Arts, The Museum für Gestaltung Zürich and the Chicago Art Institute. He has been given numerous awards, among others the Brit Insurance Design Award 2008 by the London Design Museum, the INDEX 2007: Design to Improve Life for his work with OLPC and the prestigious National Design Award for Industrial Design—awarded by Cooper-Hewitt, Smithsonian National Design Museum. Yves is also the chair of the Industrial Design program at CCA in San Francisco.

