

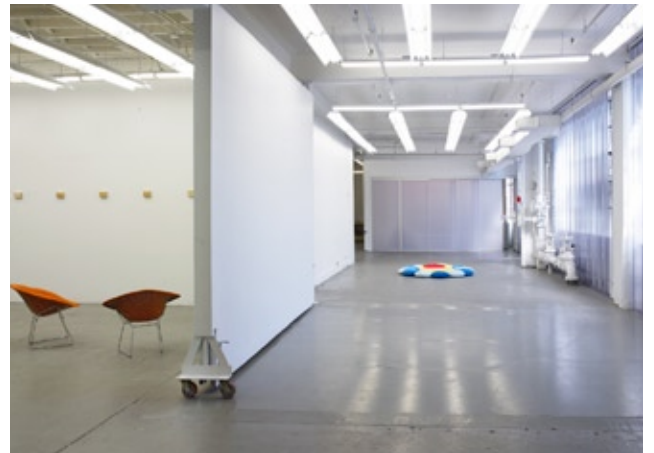
# Murakami Studio (Phase I)

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This artist's studio addresses the relationship between old and new built environments by treating the existing fabric as a quarry. With an archeological approach, space was carved out of the old fabric while new elements responding to the client's programmatic needs were inserted to accentuate the disparate qualities of the two. The new and old spaces are unified by continuous layers of white, establishing a hidden code regarding historic context, functions, and usability. The result is a curious and multilayered space that becomes a white canvas for the creative fabrication of culture. The first floor contains a workshop for painting, silk-screening, and spray booths. A pivoting wall provides more (or less) wall space for exhibitions. On the upper floor, a telescoping space carves a void which hosts the nerve center of Kaikai Kiki New York. This void is left blank to absorb the energy of its surrounding entities – private offices, meeting rooms, administration, legal, and the main open office. Fixed and flexible work stations allow for continuous and spontaneous team reconfiguration. The fixed 'skyline wall' is made of standard office components and storage which echo the urban-scape beyond the walls.

Square Feet: 15,000  
Location: Long Island City, NY  
Completed: 2006





(First Page) Work studio – Painting room  
↑ Pivoting wall  
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- ↖ Gallery space
- ↗ Work studio
- ↘ Work stations
- ↙ Office entry and reception area



- 1 office
- 2 kitchenette
- 3 changing room
- 4 art supply/archive
- 5 painting area
- 6 electrical room
- 7 workspace
- 8 gallery wall
- 9 silk workspace
- 10 bathroom
- 11 wash area
- 12 shower
- 13 gallery
- 14 storage

FIRST FLOOR

46TH ROAD



- 1 open office
- 2 kitchenette
- 3 electrical room
- 4 bath1
- 5 reception
- 6 private office
- 7 private bath
- 8 office
- 9 large conference
- 10 storage
- 11 filing
- 12 small conference

SECOND FLOOR

46TH ROAD

- ↑ Floor plan: first floor/studio level
- ↓ Floor plan: second floor/office level