

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

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Considered by his peers to be the greatest video game designer in the world and called “The Spielberg of Video Games” by *Time* magazine (May 1996), Shigeru Miyamoto serves as the creative force behind the world’s most popular and enduring video games for Nintendo hardware systems.

Miyamoto joined Nintendo in 1977 as a staff artist and quickly built a reputation for himself. As the creator of the hugely popular *Mario Bros.* and *The Legend of Zelda* games, he is one of the most revered figures in the video game world. In 1981, Nintendo released Miyamoto’s first masterpiece, the arcade game *Donkey Kong*. In 1985, Nintendo released the Nintendo Entertainment System with Miyamoto’s *Super Mario Bros.* The classic side-scrolling action game set the standard for all future home console video games. Eventually, more than 40 million units were sold worldwide, and a series of mega-hit titles was born, including the 1996 Nintendo 64 best-seller, *Super Mario 64*. More than 210 million video games in the *Super Mario* series have been sold worldwide.

To date, Miyamoto has worked on more than 100 different Nintendo video game titles. As a producer for *Kirby* and *Pokémon* games, he has supported younger video game creators. Miyamoto’s most recent video game projects include *Wii Fit*, *Wii Sports*, *The Legend of Zelda: Twilight Princess*, *Nintendogs*, *Super Mario Galaxy* and design work on the Wii hardware. He also was responsible for *The Legend of Zelda: The Wind Waker*, *Metroid Prime*, *Super Mario Sunshine*, *Pikmin*, *Luigi’s Mansion* and *The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time*, which has been called the greatest video game of all time.

In 1998, Miyamoto was honored as the first inductee into the Academy of Interactive Arts and Sciences Hall of Fame. In 2005 he and his best-known creation, Mario, were honored as inaugural inductees into the Walk of Game in San Francisco. In 2006 he became one of the first video game creators knighted into France’s Order of Arts and Letters. And in 2007 he was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award by the International Game Developers Association and was named one of the 100 most influential people in the world by *Time* magazine.

Miyamoto holds a degree from the Kanazawa College of Art in Ishikawa, Japan.