



THIERRY OUSSOU

Born in 1988 in Allada, Benin.

Lives and works in Amsterdam, Netherlands.

In 2015-16 Oussou was resident at the Rijksakademie van beeldende Kunsten, Amsterdam, Netherlands.

In 2018 he was awarded with the Tollman Award.

Recent exhibitions include: Aichi Triennale, Japan (upcoming, 2022); Centraal Museum, Utrecht (upcoming, 2023); Art contemporain du Bénin, Palais de la Marina Cotonou (2022); Oude Kerk , Amsterdam (2020); Impossible is Nothing, Art Exchange, Essex (2019); Saõ Paulo Biennial (2019); 10th Berlin Biennale (2018).

EDUCATION

2015-16

Rijksakademie van beeldende Kunsten, Amsterdam, NL

2012-14

Assistant to Meschac Gaba and Barthélémy Toguo

2007-8

Assistant to Ernesto Houngbo

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2019

Political Strategy, Lumen Travo Gallery Amsterdam NL

Impossible is Nothing, Art Exchange, Essex, UK

Patrimoine materile, immateriel, et artérité, MCN, Dakar, SENG

2018

Tiwani Contemporary, London, UK

Before It Is Completely Gone, Stevenson Gallery, Johannesburg, SA

2017

Soil, Bradwol Project Space, Amsterdam, NL

Une histoire: le miel aux lèvres, Cargo in Context, Amsterdam, NL

2016

Don't Sit In, No Man's Art Gallery, Amsterdam, NL

Thierry Oussou, Ornis A. Gallery, Amsterdam, NL



SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2022

Aichi Triennale , Tokoname City , JP
Central Museum Utrecht, NL

2021

Talking Mirrors Hamburg, DE
Lumen Travo Gallery, NL
Benin Contemporary Abidjan, CI

2020

Mirrors of Time, KASTEEL OUD-REKEM, BE
3 Package Deal Talents 2019/2020 VondelCS, Amsterdam, NL
Oude Kerk Museum, Amsterdam, NL
Rozenstraat 59 Project, Amsterdam, NL
Untitled (Spirit of changing times), Lumen Travo Gallery Amsterdam, NL
Stories and Poems, Capital C, Amsterdam, NL

2019

Imagined Communities, the 21st Contemporary Art Biennial Sesc_Videobrasil, São Paulo, BR

2018

Restless Matter, Cobra Museum of Modern Art, Amstelveen, NL
Before The Fire Starts, Galerie van Gelder, Amsterdam, NL
Works on Paper and Some Objects, Lumen Travo Gallery, Amsterdam, NL
We Don't Need Another Hero, 10th Berlin Biennale, Berlin, DE
Gaia in the Anthropocene, Garage Rotterdam, Rotterdam, NL

2017

Field Work, Tiwani Contemporary, London, UK
Impossible is Nothing, Bradwol Project Space, Amsterdam, NL

2016

Dutch Royal Award for Modern Painting, Royal Palace, Amsterdam, NL
NO Futur, Performance Biennale, Athens, Greece
What About Africa?, Witteveen Art Space, Amsterdam, NL

2015

Nine Artists, Stevenson Gallery, Cape Town, SA
Aqui Africa, SESC, Belenzhino, São Paulo, BR
Starting Block, Cotonou, BJ

2014

Textiles, Brazzaville, CG
Dokoutin, Mosso, Brussels, BE
Green Art Project & Multiplicity, Dak'Art Biennale, Dakar, SENG
TGD 10, IFAN Museum, Dakar, SENG

2013

UTOPIA, Holbaek Museum, DK



Western Waste meets African Craft, Blaaikildegaard Museum, DK

2012

A WHAN KPO DO Te, Cotonou, BJ

Density New Generation, Cotonou, BJ

Inventing the Image Mode, Benin Biennial, Ouidah, BJ

2011

GBAVI NOUKPIN NON, Cotonou, BJ

2010

WABA, Cotonou, BJ

2009

The Free Education in Benin, Cotonou, BJ

2008

The Artistic Vision of Prison Life in Benin, Cotonou, BJ

2007

Young Prom'Art: Waste and Environment, Cotonou, BJ

2006

The Centenary of the Death of King Behanzin, Abomey, BJ

2005

National Arts School Competition, Cotonou, BJ

RESIDENCIES AND AWARDS

2018

Winner the 14th Tollman Award for the Visual Arts

2017

Arthouse residency, Lagos, NIR

2016

Nominated for Dutch Royal Award for Modern Painting, Royal Palace, Amsterdam, NL

Awarded 1st Jacqueline van Tongeren Fellowship, Rijksakademie, Amsterdam, NL

2015-16

Rijksakademie residency, Amsterdam, NL

2014

Dokoutin residency, Brussels, BE

Mava Unit residency, Cotonou, BJ

2013

Youth Programme, World in Motion Images, DK

2012

Men Standing workshop, Fondation Zinsou, Cotonou, BJ

Creation residency, Abomey, BJ

Photographic workshop: Inventing the World in Image, Ouidah, BJ

Project Design residency, Abomey, BJ



2011

Yè artist residency, BJ

Winner of One Minute Africa Award, Cairo, EG

2010

Residency at ESMA Abomey-Calavi, BJ

Nominated for Benin Golden Awards, Cotonou, BJ

2007

Young Prom'Art Winner, Cotonou, BJ

COLLECTIONS

Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minneapolis MN, USA