

Thierry Oussou CV

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 2023 he was awarded with Royal Award for Modern Painting as well as the Golden Lion for Best National Participation 18th International Venice Architecture Biennale 2023 with Brazil.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2024

Workers Dijkgracht Oost Amsterdam, Lumen Travo Gallery, Amsterdam

Solo show at Kasteel Wylre Estate Museum, Wylre (NL) – upcoming

2023

Impossible is Nothing, Annex, Centraal Museum, Utrecht

2022

Equilibrium Wind, Lumen Travo Gallery, Amsterdam NL

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, Ornix A. Gallery, Amsterdam, NL

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2025

Stellenbosch Triennale, South Africa

2024

Révélation! Art contemporain du Bénin, Conciergerie, Paris, FR

Makers on materials, Textiel Museum, Tilburg

2023

Casa de Cercais, Lisbon, Portugal

Biennale Architettura 2023 - Brazilian pavilion, Venice, Italy

'Impossible is Nothing' at Centraal Museum, Utrecht, NL

Koninklijke Prijs voor Vrije Schilderkunst, group show, Royal Palace, Amsterdam

British Textile Biennial, Pennine Lancashire, UK

14th Kaunas Biennial, Survival Kit 14, Latvian Centre for Contemporary Art, Riga, Latvia

2022

Aichi Triennale, Tokoname City, JP

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, Blaakildegaard 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

2023: Winner of Royal Award for Modern Painting
 Golden Lion for Best National Participation 18th International Venice Architecture Biennale
 2023 with Brazil
 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
 1st Jacqueline van Tongeren Fellowship, Rijksakademie, Amsterdam, NL
 2015-16: Rijksakademie residency, Amsterdam, NL
 2014: Dokoutin residency, Brussels
 Mava Unit residency, Cotonou, BJ
 2013: Youth Programme, World in Motion Images
 2012: Men Standing workshop, Fondation Zinsou, Cotonou, BJ

EDUCATION

2015-16 Rijksakademie van beeldende Kunsten, Amsterdam, NL
 2012-14 Assistant to Meschac Gaba and Barthélémy Toguo
 2007-8 Assistant to Ernesto Hougbo

COLLECTIONS

Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minneapolis MN, USA