



Back and Forth and Back Again 40 Years

From October 31 until February 21, 2026

Lumen Travo Gallery, Amsterdam

Over the span of four months, the gallery will showcase a series of evolving presentations. Iconic works from the history of the gallery, including pieces from the collection of its founder, Marianne van Tilborg, are here reintroduced and placed in dialogue with contemporary works, reflecting the gallery's ongoing commitment to artistic exchange and critical reflection.

The first chapter focuses on politically engaged practices, a defining thread in Lumen Travo's program since its founding. By bringing together works by **Georges Adéagbo, Atousa Bandeh, Zarina Bhimji, Ricardo Brey, Ade Darmawan, Jimmie Durham, Michel François, Meschac Gaba, Ni Haifeng, Monali Meher, Shirin Neshat** and **Thierry Oussou**, the exhibition invites reflection on post-colonialism, identity, migration and labor through a diversity of artistic voices and perspectives.

Ade Darmawan (detail)
Lumen Travo Gallery, 2025
Credits: Giovanni Nardi





Installation view, 2025, Lumen Travo gallery. Credits: Giovanni Nardi



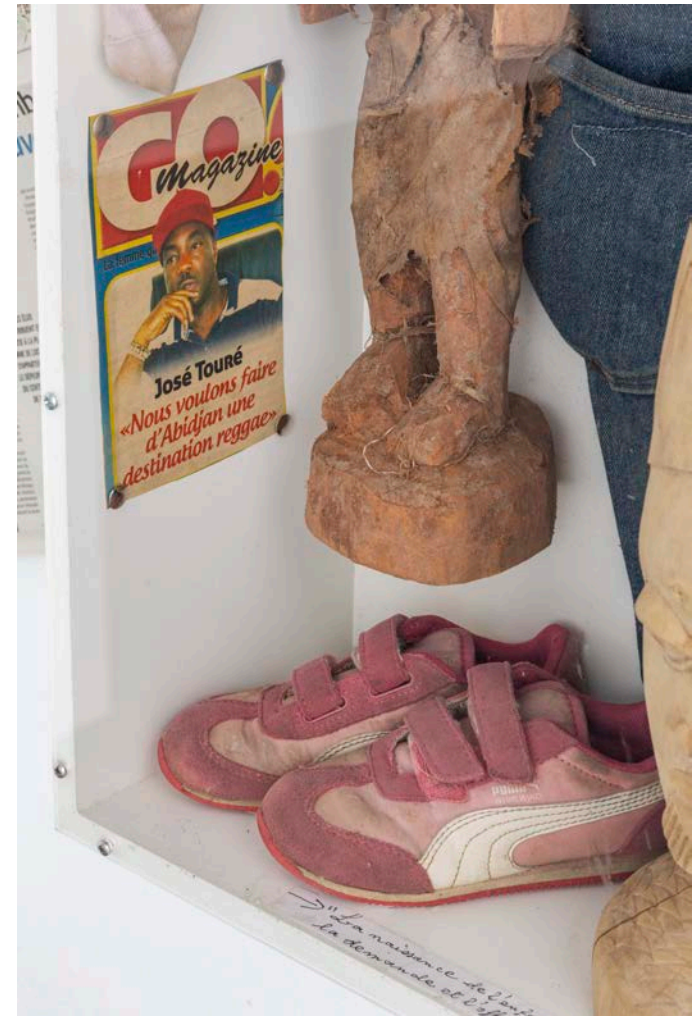
Monali Meher
Wrapped Bows (2015)
Installation, metal, red thread
Variable dimensions



Zarina Bhimji
Reverberation (2001-2006)
Lifochrome Ciba Classic Print
121.9 x 154.9 cm



Installation view, 2025, Lumen Travo gallery. Credits: Giovanni Nardi



Georges Adéagbo
La Défense (2016)
Installation
Variable dimensions



To mark its 40th anniversary, Lumen Travo Gallery presents a dynamic group exhibition that honours the gallery's legacy and celebrates its deep-rooted influence on Amsterdam's contemporary art scene since the early 1980s.

In 1985, Marianne van Tilborg founded the gallery in her own apartment, above the Athenaeum Bookstore on Spui. From the outset she described it not so much as a conventional commercial gallery but rather "a salon where different disciplines meet."

Thierry Oussou
Adjikoui (2019)
Mixed media on paper
78 x 90 cm

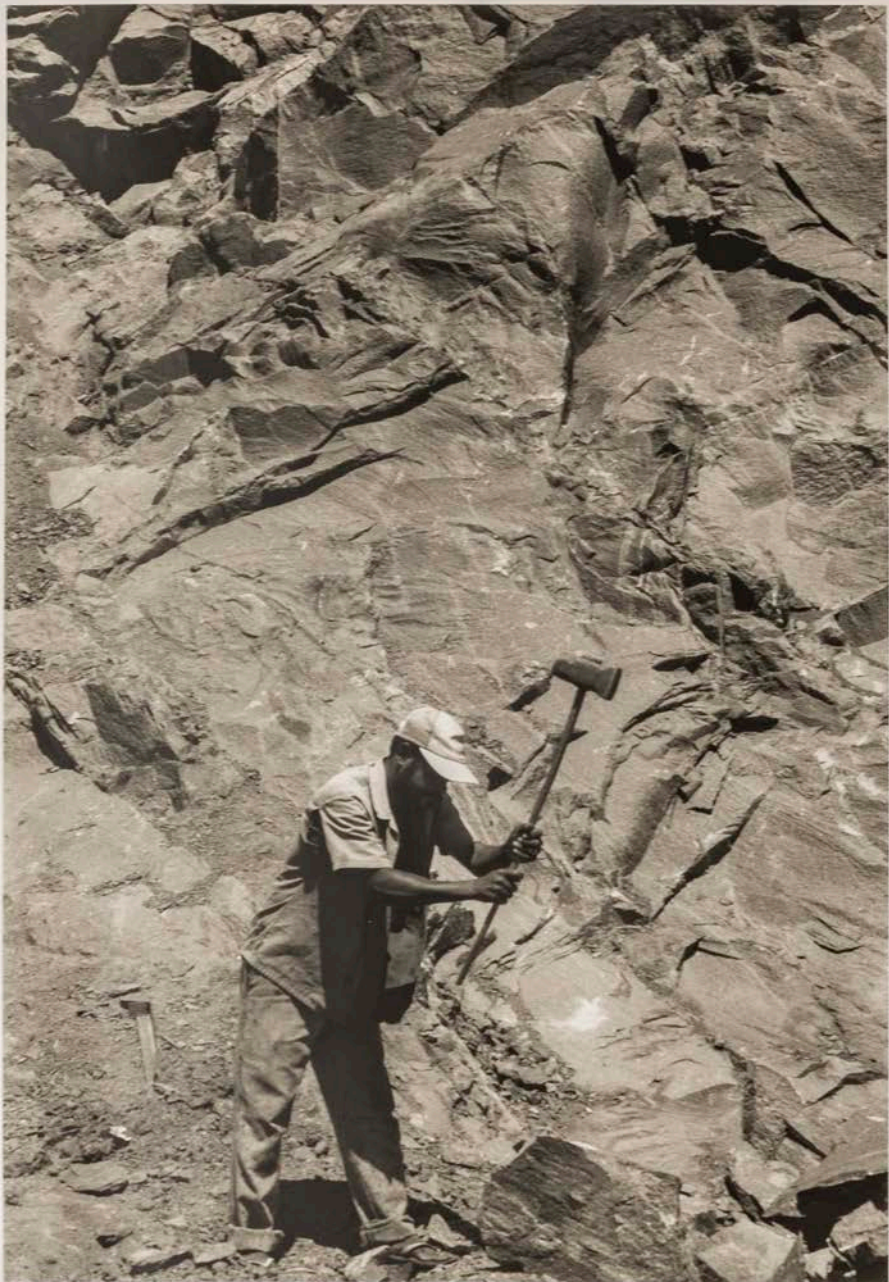




Meschac Gaba
*Artist with American Inspiration: World
Financial Center (2004)*
Digital Print, Ed. 30
46 x 109 cm



Michel François - Meschac Gaba
Ensemble (2001)
Dollar bills, cast of artists' hands, coins and
wooden cabinet
103 x 110 x 75 cm



Michel François
Untitled (1992-1993)
Photograph, Ed. 5/5
41 x 28 cm

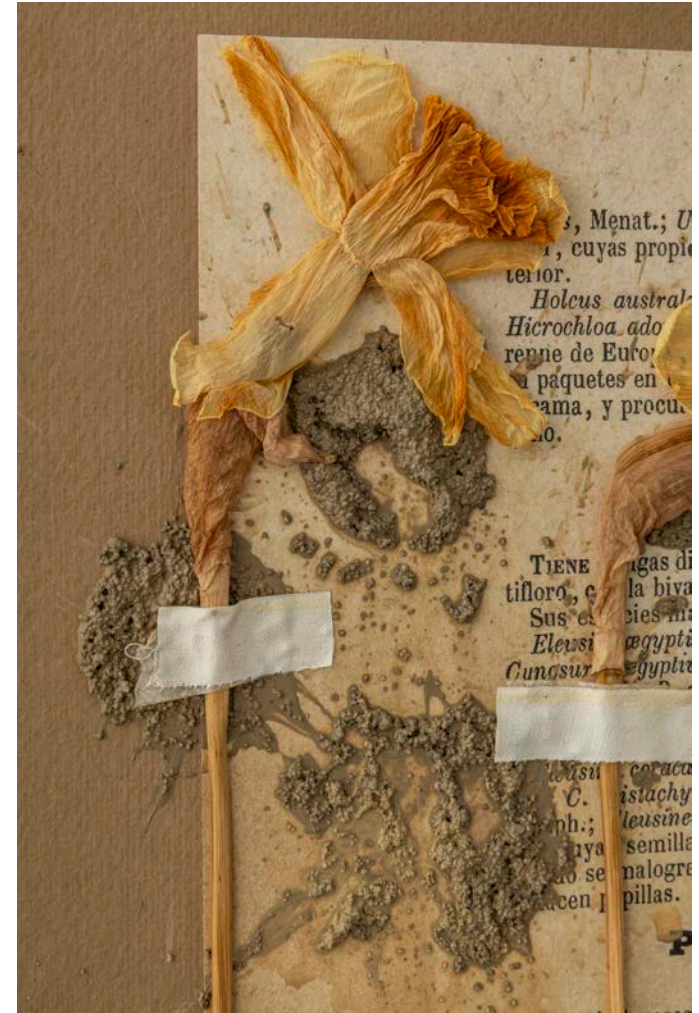
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Under van Tilborg's direction, Lumen Travo developed a reputation for presenting international and non-Western-based artists, often engaging with issues of identity, post-colonialism and global art dialogues.

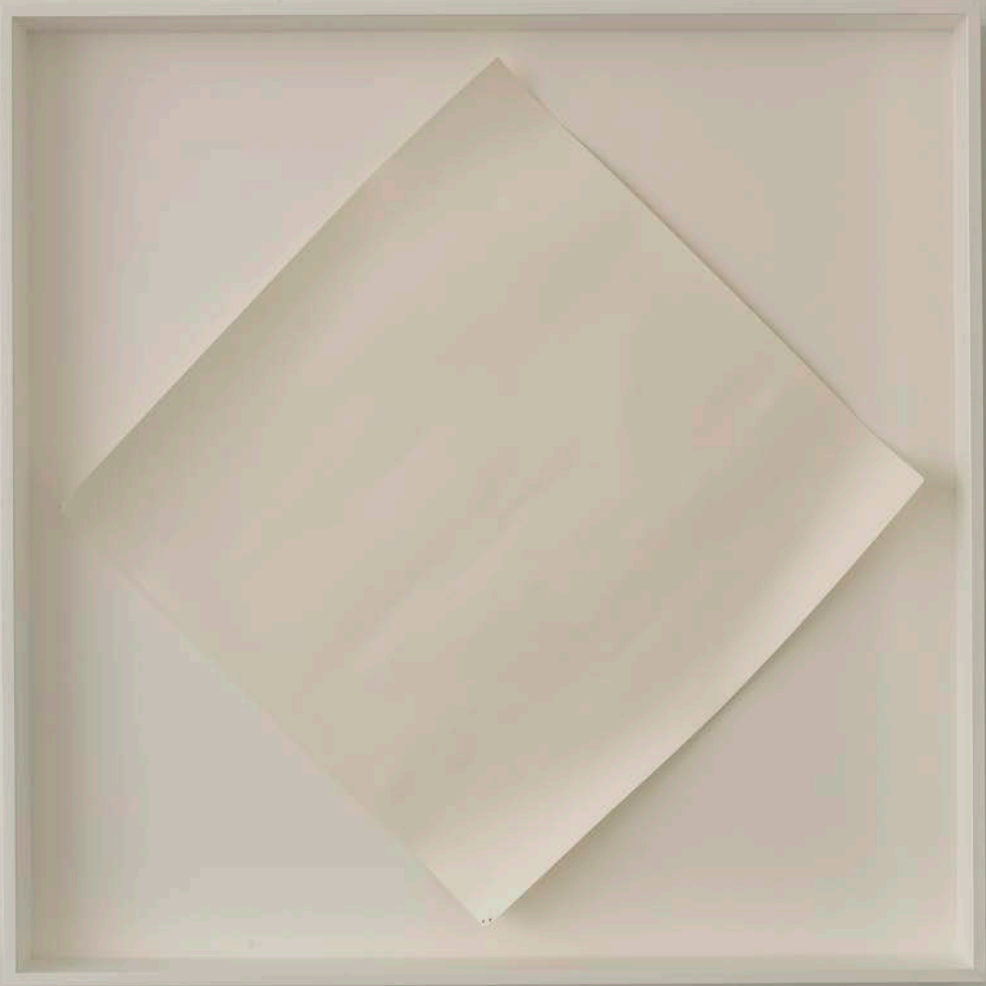
By proposing strong and different artistic views – which are not limiting themselves to the solely perspective of the West – Lumen Travo carries on a visual conversation with eyes, heart and mind open to the whole world.



Ricardo Brey
Untitled (1997)
Mixed media on paper
50 x 76 cm







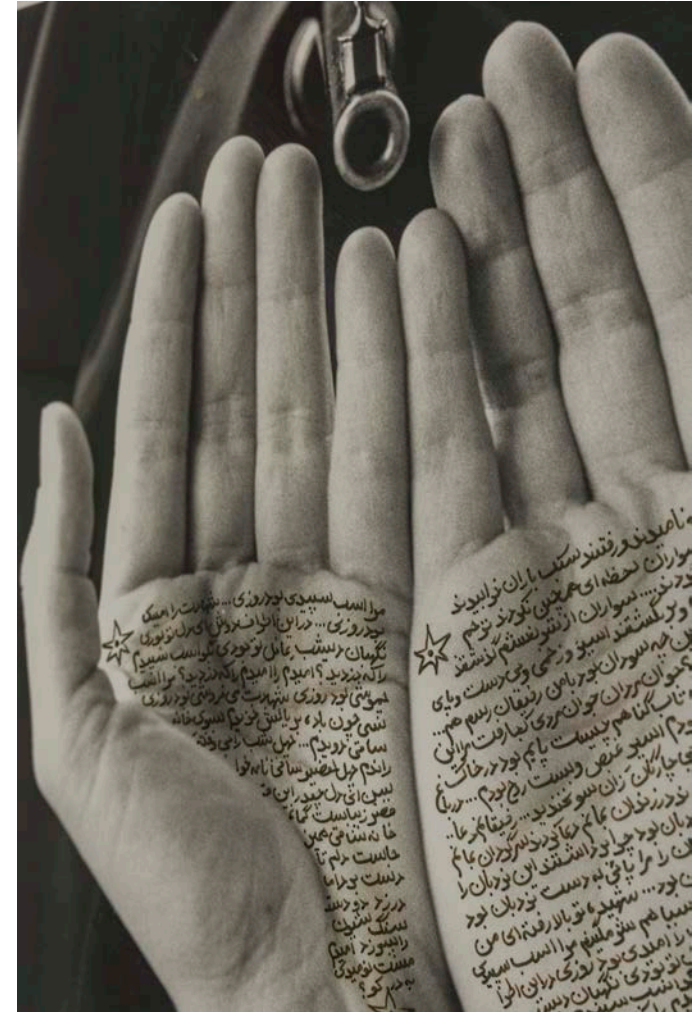
Jimmie Durnham
Paper Flatrat (2006)
Work on paper
72 x 72 cm





Shirin Neshat
Rapture (1999)
Silver Print
90.7 x 68.2 cm

Not for sale





Shirin Neshat
Women of Allah (1997)
Silver Print
36 x 28 cm

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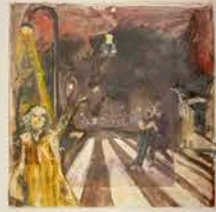
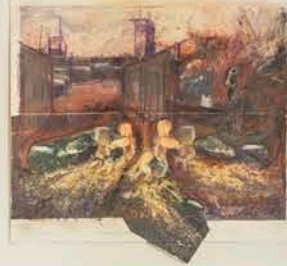


Ade Darmawan
*Cupboard: wij houden ervan om in
stille ingetogenheid rustig onze
gang te gaan* (2018)
Installation
207 x 68.5 x 28.5 cm



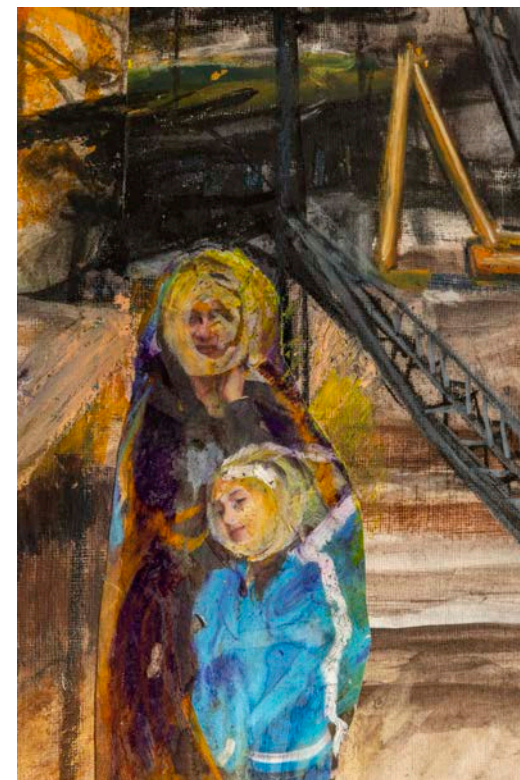


Ni Haifeng
*Self-Portrait as Part of the Porcelain
Export History (1999-2001)*
C-type photograph
165 x 127 cm





Atousa Bandeh
Admiralengracht (2016)
Mixed media
50 x 70 cm



Atousa Bandeh
Amsterdam Conservatory (2018)
Mixed media
43 x 53 cm



Atousa Bandeh
Jan van Galenstraat (2018)
Mixed media
47 x 70 cm



Atousa Bandeh
Rembrandtpark (2018)
Mixed media
52 x 65 cm

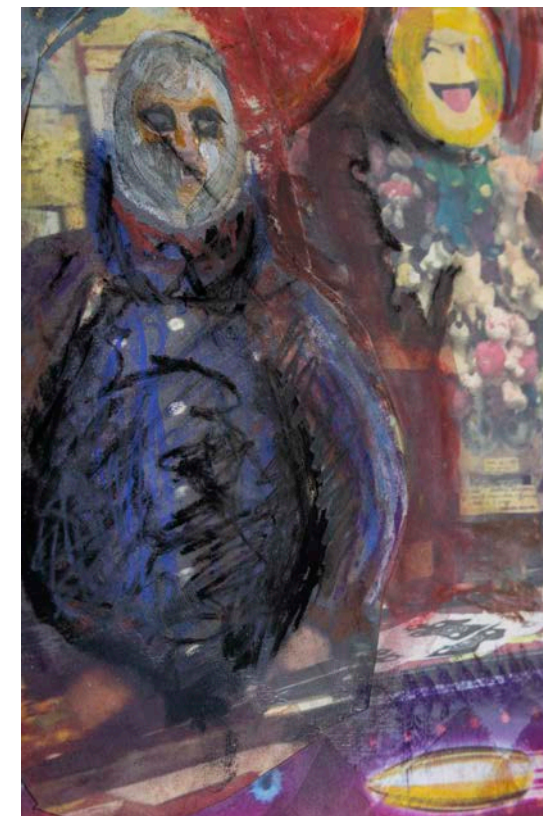


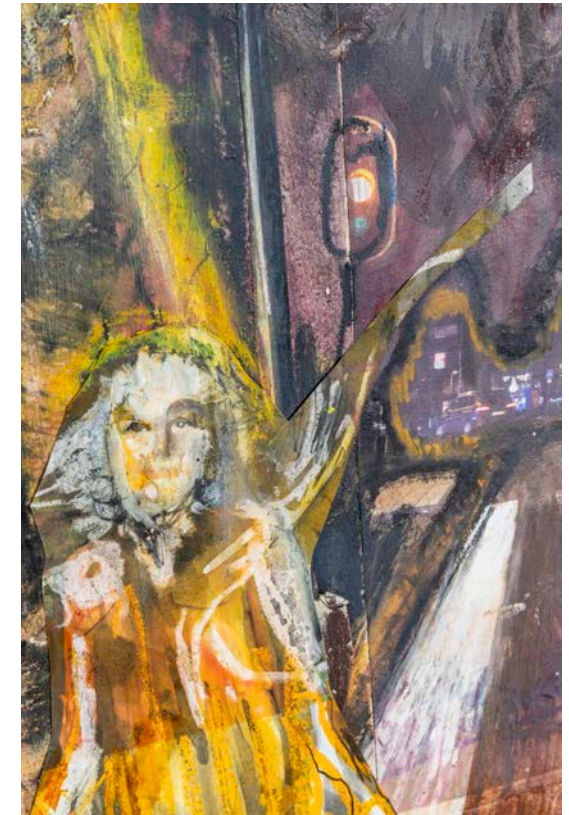
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Atousa Bandeh
Bos en Lommer (2025)
Mixed media
55 x 53 cm



Atousa Bandeh
Dam Square (2016)
Mixed media
40 x 40 cm





Atousa Bandeh
Amsterdam Postjesweg (2018)
Mixed media
40 x 40 cm



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