

ADRIAN SASSOON

Udo Zembok

Curriculum Vitae



Born 1951, Braunschweig, Germany

1971-1973
1973-1976

Braunschweig University of Art, Germany, Graphic Art
Alanus University of Arts and Social Sciences, Bonn, Germany,
Painting

Working in France

While studying graphic art and painting, Udo Zembok discovered what he terms “transparent colour, the colour of watercolours that gives the illusion of being light”. By removing the opaque background of the artist’s canvas and replacing it with glass, Udo found he could experiment with the resonant qualities of light and how these can be expressed through colour. Udo also cites an inspiration from or a connection to the colourists such as Rothko and produced a series of sculptures in homage to the great American artist between 2000 and 2002.

Over his career Udo has refined and developed techniques from industry, which allow him to produce large monolithic windows and sculpture without the need for a frame. These techniques have enabled him to produce his internationally renowned stained-glass windows, for example, for the Cathedral of Our Lady in Chartres, France. Udo describes himself as “perceptual” in that he desires to make the viewer actively perceive his work and thus his sculptures of light and colour elicit varied responses depending on the light, their orientation, and the position of the observer.

Solo Exhibitions

- 2022 *Chant Chromatique*, Galerie Guillaume, Paris, France
2021 Latitude 43, avec Lise Braun Galerie, Saint Tropez Galerie, France
2018 MusVerre, Sars-Poteries, France
2016 *Le Verre, expression d'art*, Centre Minier Faymoreau, Faymoreau, France
2015 L'Espace d'Art Contemporain André Malraux, Colmar, France
Galerie Yolenn White, Geneva, Switzerland
2013 Habatat Galleries, Royal Oak, Michigan, USA
2010 *Udo Zembok: From The Deepness of Colour*, Glasmuseum, Die Ernsting Stiftung Alter Hof Herding, Coesfeld, Germany
2008 *Spaces of Light*, Centre International du Vitrail, Chartres, France
Galerie Hélène Porée, Paris, France
2006 Galerie Hélène Porée, Paris, France
Galerie Mariska Dirkx, Roermond, The Netherlands
Galerie Complément d'Objet, Rouen, France
2004 Galerie Die Treppe, Nürtingen, Germany
2003 Fundación Centre del Vidre de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain
Galerie Nadir, Annecy, France
2001 Galerie Complément d'Objet, Martot / Rouen, France
Galerie Rosenhauer, Göttingen, Germany
1999 Galerie Mariska Dirkx, Roermond, The Netherlands
Stedelijk Museum, Roermond, The Netherlands
1998 New Orleans Glassworks and Gallery, New Orleans, USA
1997 Galerie Complément d'Objet, Rouen, France
1996 Galerie Lézard, Colmar, France
1992 The Town Hall, Saint Louis, France
1982 Galerie Bellefontaine, Lausanne, Switzerland

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2023 *Adrian Sassoon*, Design Miami, Miami Beach, USA
2022 *Adrian Sassoon*, Masterpiece London, The Royal Chelsea Hospital, London
2020 *Adrian Sassoon*, TEFAF, Maastricht, The Netherlands
2019 *Adrian Sassoon*, Salon of Art & Design, New York, USA
2018 Centre International du Vitrail, Chartres, France
Adrian Sassoon, Salon of Art & Design, New York, USA
2017 Galerie Capazza, Nançay, France
Adrian Sassoon, Masterpiece London, The Royal Chelsea Hospital, London
2016 *Adrian Sassoon*, Salon of Art & Design, New York, USA
Adrian Sassoon, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
Adrian Sassoon, Masterpiece London, The Royal Hospital Chelsea, London
Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF, Maastricht, The Netherlands
2015 *Adrian Sassoon*, Salon of Art & Design, New York, USA
Adrian Sassoon, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
43rd International Invitational Award Exhibition, Habatat Galleries, Royal Oak, Michigan, USA
Les Peintres et le Vitrail: Vitraux Français Contemporains, Chartres Centre International du Vitrail, Chartres, France

Selected Group Exhibitions (continued)

- 2015 *Chagall, Soulages, Benzaken...Le vitrail contemporain*, Cité de l'Architecture & Du Patrimoine, Paris, France
Adrian Sassoon, Masterpiece London, The Royal Hospital Chelsea, London
Adrian Sassoon, COLLECT, Saatchi Gallery, London
- 2014 *Adrian Sassoon*, Salon of Art & Design, New York, USA
Adrian Sassoon, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
Adrian Sassoon, Masterpiece London, The Royal Hospital Chelsea, London
Adrian Sassoon, COLLECT, Saatchi Gallery, London
- 2013 *Adrian Sassoon*, Salon of Art & Design, New York, USA
Adrian Sassoon, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
Adrian Sassoon, Masterpiece London, The Royal Hospital Chelsea, London
Adrian Sassoon, COLLECT, Saatchi Gallery, London
- 2012 *Adrian Sassoon*, Art Miami, Miami, USA
Adrian Sassoon, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
Adrian Sassoon, Masterpiece London, The Royal Hospital Chelsea, London
Clare Beck at Adrian Sassoon, COLLECT, Saatchi Gallery, London
- 2011 *Adrian Sassoon*, Pavilion of Art & Design New York, New York, USA
Adrian Sassoon, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
Clare Beck at Adrian Sassoon, COLLECT, Saatchi Gallery, London
Clare Beck at Adrian Sassoon, SOFA, New York, USA
- 2010 *Adrian Sassoon*, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
Clare Beck at Adrian Sassoon, COLLECT, The Saatchi Gallery, London
Clare Beck at Adrian Sassoon, SOFA, New York, USA
Adrian Sassoon, London Art Fair, Business Design Centre, London
- 2009 *Adrian Sassoon*, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
Clare Beck at Adrian Sassoon, SOFA, New York, USA
Adrian Sassoon, London Art Fair, Business Design Centre, London
100 European Masters of Glass Art, Prague, Czech Republic
- 2008 *Adrian Sassoon*, DesignArt London, London
- 2007 *Hélène Porée Gallery*, COLLECT, V&A Museum, London
Palette Contemporary Art & Craft, SOFA, Chicago, USA
ARTFAIR ST'ART, Strasbourg, France
- 2006 European Contemporary Glass Art Prize, Cobürg, Germany
Galerie Mariska Dirxx, ART Prague, Czech Republic
- 2005 *Collection Gallery*, ST'ART, Strasbourg, France
Lumières Contemporaines, Stained Glass and Church Architecture, Chartres, France
- 2004 *Galerie Mariska Dirxx*, Roermond, The Netherlands
Stedelijk Museum, Roermond, The Netherland
Fair Glasstec, Düsseldorf, Germany
- 2003 Contemporary Glass, Brie-Comte-Robert, France
- 2002 Art Gallery, Lailly-en-Val, France
Winners of the L. Bettencourt-Award, Karlsruhe, Germany
Contemporary French Glass painting, Cracow, Poland
- 2000 *Galerie Mariska Dirxx*, Roermond, The Netherlands
- 1999 *Light and Space for the 21st Century*, Chartres, France
Artfair Start'99, Strasbourg, France
- 1997 Museum Quesnel Morinière, Coutances, France
Centre International du Vitrail, Chartres, France
- 1996 Jean-Claude Chapelotte Gallery, Luxemburg
Artfair Start'96, Strasbourg, France

1991 Centre International du Vitrail, Chartres, France

Selected Group Exhibitions (continued)

1990 Derix Glasstudios, Wiesbaden, Germany
1989 *Glass and Light*, Landesmuseum, Darmstadt, Germany
89'Avant-Première, La Villette, Paris, France
1988 *Glass and Light*, European Union, Brussels, Belgium
1987 *Transparency and Glass*, Le Mans, France
1986 Royal Institute of British Architects, London
1985 Gallery Trois, Geneva, Switzerland
1984 *New Glass International*, Rouen, France
1983 Gallery Paskine de Gignoux, Strasbourg, France
Entergy Corporate Collection, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA

Awards

2015 Award of Excellence, Habatat Galleries, Royal Oak, Michigan, USA
2009 Finalist, Kanazawa Glass Prize, Kanazawa, Japan
2006 Second Prize, Cobürg Glass Prize for Contemporary Glass in Europe, Cobürg,
Germany
2003 National Award for Art and Crafts, Paris, France
2001 Liliane Bettencourt Award, Paris, France

Public Collections

City Hall, St. Just-St. Rambert, France
Communauté Urbaine, Strasbourg, France
Frac Haute-Normandie, Rouen, France
Musée des Beaux-Arts, Lyon, France
MusVerre, Sars-Poteries, France
Préfecture de L'Allier, Moulins, France
Alexander Tutsek-Stiftung, Munich, Germany
Glasmuseum, Die Emsting Stiftung Alter Hof Herding, Coesfeld, Germany
Museum für Modernes Glas, Kunstsammlungen der Veste Coburg, Coburg, Germany
Museo de Arte Contemporáneo en Vidrio de Alcorcón, Madrid, Spain
Cafesjian Family Foundation, Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA
Entergy Corporate Collection, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA
Mobile Museum of Art, Mobile, Alabama, USA
Palm Springs Art Museum, Palm Springs, California, USA
Seven Bridges Foundation, Greenwich, Connecticut, USA