

# ADRIAN SASSOON

## Udo Zembok

Curriculum Vitae



Born 1951, Braunschweig, Germany

1971-1973 Art Academy Braunschweig, Germany, Graphic Art  
1973-1976 Alanus School for the 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

- 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
- 2008 *Spaces of Light*, Centre International du Vitrail, Chartres, France  
Galerie Hélène Porée, Paris, France
- 2006 Galerie Hélène Porée, Paris, France  
Galerie Mariska Dirx, 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 Dirx, 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

- 2018 *Adrian Sassoon*, Salon of Art & Design, New York, USA
- 2017 *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  
*43<sup>rd</sup> 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  
*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

## Selected Group Exhibitions (continued)

- 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
- 2007 ARTFAIR ST'ART, Strasbourg, France
- 2006 European Contemporary Glass Art Prize, Cobürg, Germany  
*Galerie Mariska Dirkx*, ART Prague, Czech Republic
- 2005 *Collection Gallery*, ST'ART, Strasbourg, France  
*Lumières Contemporaines*, Stained Glass and Church Architecture, Chartres, France
- 2004 *Galerie Mariska Dirkx*, 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 Dirkx*, Roermond, The Netherlands
- 1999 *Light and Space for the 21<sup>st</sup> 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
- 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  
*Galerie Capazza*, Nancay, France

## Awards

- 2013 Award of Excellence, Habatat Galleries, Royal Oak, Michigan, USA  
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  
2000 New Glass Review, Corning, New York, USA

## Public Collections

- Musée-Atelier du Verre, Sars-Poteries, France  
Museum für Modernes Glas, Kunstsammlungen der Veste Cobürg, Cobürg, Germany  
Glasmuseum, Ernsting Stiftung Alter Hof Herding, Coesfeld, Germany  
Communauté Urbaine, Strasbourg, France  
Museo de Arte en Vidrio de Alcorcón, Madrid, Spain  
City Hall, St. Just-St. Rambert, France  
Préfecture de L'Allier, Moulins, France  
Frac Haute-Normandie, Rouen, France  
Musée des Beaux-Arts, Lyon, France  
Cafesjian Family Foundation  
Entergy Corporate Collection, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA  
Mobile Museum of Art, Mobile, Alabama, USA  
Seven Bridges Foundation, Greenwich, Connecticut, USA