Tristano di Robilant





Milleseicento (2023). Blown glass, 57 x 35cm

Tristano di Robilant (b. 1964, London) is an Italian-American artist, currently living and working between Rome and London. He graduated from the University of California at Santa Cruz, where he was particularly impacted by the lectures of the architectural critic and historian Reyner Banham (1922-1988).

Some of the artist's initial encounters with sculpting were with his godfather, Cy Twombly, from whom he 'learned how to pour plaster into hollows dug out from the sand, revealing small sand-coated sculptures.' Over the years, he started experimenting with various materials, including ceramic, bronze, aluminium, and Murano glass. Di Robilant is now most recognised for his sculptures in ceramic and glass, but the artist also works in various other mediums, including ceramics, drawing, photography and writing. His works have been exhibited internationally and belong to many important private and public collections.

Di Robilant's sculptures exquisitely balance fragile geometric shapes, colours and their interaction with light. Cones, spheres and other harmonious forms juxtapose and intertwine. Their translucent and irregular surfaces are capable of surprising and mesmerising the viewer. The titles are often inspired by literary and philosophical influences, such as Dante Alighieri, Albert Camus, and Giordano Bruno. Di Robilant's cryptic sculptures in glass refer to intangible landscapes, as fragile as clouds, offering an invitation to oneiric and elegant visions.

Di Robilant has recently had institutional solo exhibitions at the Museum of Contemporary Art, San Diego, California (2016), the Museum of Palazzo Mocenigo, Venice (2017), and Musinf in Senigallia, Italy (2018). His work is in private and public collections across Europe and the United States, including the Sol LeWitt Collection in Hartford, Connecticut, the Albright-Knox Art Gallery in Buffalo, New York, the MAXXI Museum in Rome, and the Museo del Vetro in Murano. A large-scale public sculpture was installed at Parco dell'Infanzia (with Louise Bourgeois and Giovanni Rizzoli) in Origgio, Milan, in 2016. In 2020, di Robilant received the Special Recognition Prize from Bonham's for Venice Glass Week.

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Solo Exhibitions	2024	Tristano di Robilant: Milestones, Robilant+Voena, New York, USA
	2023	Poets, Tristan Hoare Gallery, London, UK
		<i>Beyond the Water</i> , Venice Glass Week, Istituto Veneto di Scienze, Lettere ed Arti, Palazzo Loredan, Venice, Italy
	2022	<i>Galassie Peculiari,</i> curated by Jean Blanchaert, Museo della Ceramica Ettore e Marco Levi, Mondovì, Italy
	2020	The window speaks to me, Venice Glass Week, Venice, Italy
	2019	Youth, Tristan Hoare, London, UK
	2018	<i>Tarquinia</i> , The National Exemplar, New York, USA <i>Gioventù</i> , MUSINF, Senigallia, Italy
	2017	Evento di Luce, Venice Glass Week, Museum of Palazzo Mocenigo, Italy GLASS (with Hanno Otten), Priska Pasquer, Cologne, Germany
	2016	Tristano di Robilant, Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, USA Tristano di Robilant, L'immaginazione e il suo doppio, Intragallery, Naples, Italy
	2015	Teste, Galleria Alessandra Bonomo, Rome, Italy
	2014	Parapetto (with Enzo Cucchi), The National Exemplar, New York, USA
	2013	Forms (with Justin Adian), The National Exemplar, New York, USA
	2012	White River, Faggionato Fine Art, London, UK
	2011	Galleria Bonomo, Bari, Italy
	2010	Water-Point, Faggionato Fine Art, London, UK
	2009	<i>Vetro</i> , Galleria Valentina Bonomo, Bari, Italy
	2007	Tristano di Robilant, Museo Boncompagni Ludovisi, Rome, Italy
	2006	Dwight Hackett Projects, Santa Fe, New Mexico
	2001	Sette sculture, Paolo Curti & Co., Milan, Italy Tristano di Robilant, Annina Nosei Gallery, New York, USA
	1998	Lance Fung Gallery, New York, USA
	1993	Holly Solomon Gallery, New York, USA
Group Exhibitions	2023	Oblique Magie del Tempo, Museo Archeologico di Santa Scolastica, Bari, Italy José Angelino e Tristano di Robilant, Galleria Alessandra Bonomo, Rome, Italy
	2019	<i>Botanica</i> , Tristan Hoare, London, UK
		Il mestiere delle arti, Museo Nazionale di Ravenna, Ravenna, Italy
	0010	Venice Works, Beatrice Burati Anderson Art Space & Gallery, Venice, Italy
	2018	Nuova terra antica, La Vallonea, Capalbio, Italy





Group Exhibitions continued	2018	<i>Colore non Colore</i> , Galleria Valentina Bonomo, Rome, Italy <i>Addition</i> , James Barron Art, Kent, Connecticut, USA	
	2017	Confini Apparenti, Intragallery, Naples, Italy	
	2016	Glass, Arte del Vetro Oggi, Villa dei Vescovi, Padua, Italy	
	2015	Winter Solstice / Little Sun, James Barron Art, Kent, Connecticut, USA	
	2013	Ceramics, Rhona Hoffman Gallery, Chicago, Illinois, USA	
	2011	Padiglione Italia, Torino Biennale, Torino, Italy	
	2006	92nd Street Y Poets' Theatre, New York, USA	
	2002	Welcome, Palazzo delle Esposizioni, Rome, Italy	
	2000	Artisti Collezionisti (invited by Sol LeWitt), Palazzo delle Papesse, Siena, Italy	
	1996	XII Quadriennale Nazionale d'Arte, Rome, Italy	
Awards	2020	Special Recognition Prize by Bonham's Prize for Venice Glass Week, Venice, Italy	
Collections	Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, San Diego, USA		
	MAXXI Museum, Rome, Italy		
	Museo del Vetro, Murano, Italy		
	Buffalo AKG Art Museum, Buffalo, New York, USA		
	Sol LeWitt Collection, Hartford, Connecticut, USA		
	Maslow Collection, New York, USA		
	Hall Winery, Napa Valley, California, USA		
	Mark Getty Collection, Wormsley, Oxford, UK		
Selected Publications	2019	A Review of Tristano di Robilant: Youth at Tristan Hoare, London, Arteviste	
	2016	Interview with curator Anthony Graham, Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego	
	2010 Recent Glass Sculptures by Tristano di Robilant at Faggionato Fine Arts, ArtDaily		
	2010 Paesaggi Emotivi, DOMUS		
	2001 David Ebony's Top Ten, Artnet		
	1995	Tristano di Robilant, Galleria Bonomo, Artforum	