

Tommy ZEN

A Canadian of Venetian descent, Tommy comes from a lineage where the craft of fine cabinetry has been passed down from father to son for generations. From an early age, he discovered a passion for clay, prompting him to merge the art of furniture gilding with ceramic gilding—thereby perpetuating the family tradition in a novel way. Born from the fusion of countless techniques developed over more than fifty years, his pieces feature profound, complex surfaces that transcend conventional glazes.

To explore Tommy Zen's collections is to tap into the very origins of humanity. Paying tribute to a diverse range of ancient civilizations—and taking up to four months to complete a single piece—the artist reinvents forms that are simultaneously ancient and contemporary.

He draws upon the Italian Renaissance for the use of oxidants on bronze or silver leaf and looks to ancient China for the lacquer finishes that create a sense of depth, where the eye becomes lost in the iridescence.

Since 1985, Tommy Zen's works have been exhibited and sold to private collectors worldwide, including in Atlanta, the Bahamas, Belgium, South Korea, Israel, Nantes, New York, Miami, Ottawa, Quebec City, Montreal, Toronto, Abu Dhabi, Jamaica, Dallas, and Washington.

FORMATION

1979 D.E.C. en Arts visuels - CÉGEP Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Qc,
Canada

STAGES

1984 Technique du colombin, Lucy Jones - Potière, Spanish Town,
Jamaïque



Céramiste,

Port-au-Persil, Qc, Canada

1981 Poterie, Harris Morrison - Potier, Hemmingford, Qc, Canada

1971 - 1978 Apprenti ébéniste - Santo Novelio Zen - Ébéniste,
Saint-Luc, Qc, Canada

EVENTS

2018 La Nuit blanche, Galerie Tommy Zen, Montréal, QC

2017 Déménagement de la Galerie Tommy Zen rue Sherbrooke Ouest,
Montréal, QC

2017 Habitat 67-2017 Duplex 1015, (événement privé) Montréal, QC

2015 - 2017 Lancement des nouvelles collections, Galerie
L'Harmattan, Pointe- Claire, QC

2016 La Nuit blanche, Galerie Tommy Zen, Montréal, QC

1993 Ouverture de la Galerie Tommy Zen, Montréal, QC

RESIDENCES

2014 Abu Dhabi Art Hub, Abu Dhabi, Émirats arabes unis

SPECIAL PROJECTS

2018 Meurtres et mystères, (série télé) création de pièces

2018 Blood & Treasure, (série télé) reproduction de pièces historiques

SOLO AND DUO EXHIBITIONS

2018 Duo Beautés immuables : Le vivant sous observation d'Alain Massicotte,

Galerie Tommy Zen, Montréal, QC, Canada



2018 Duo Études : Sur la fine ligne de l'émotion avec Michel T. Desroches, Galerie

Tommy Zen, Montréal, QC, Canada

2018 Duo Bébés dragons avec Jaber Lutfi, Galerie Tommy Zen, Montréal, QC, Canada

2018 Duo Indicible avec Melsa Montagne, Galerie Tommy Zen, Montréal, Qc, Canada

2018 Duo Guerrière avec Lysane Potvin, Galerie Tommy Zen, Montréal, QC, Canada

2017 Duo Zilon Zen, Galerie Tommy Zen, Montréal, QC, Canada

2017 Ouverture de la galerie Le Livart, Montréal, QC, Canada

2014 Vitrites de la Guilde canadienne, Montréal, QC, Canada

2013 Vitrites de la Guilde canadienne, Montréal, QC, Canada

2011 Transcendance, Centre culturel Yvonne L. Bombardier, Valcourt, QC, Canada

2006 Duo, Galerie Richelieu, Montréal, QC, Canada

2004 Duo avec Sylvain Tremblay - Peintre - Opera Gallery, New York, États-Unis

2000 Vitrites de l'Hôtel Reine Elizabeth, Montréal, QC, Canada

2000 Vitrites des Cours Mont-Royal, Harry Rosen, Montréal QC, Canada

1986 Entrée principale de la Place des Arts, Montréal QC, Canada

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2017 L'Atelier, Galerie Tommy Zen, Montréal, QC, Canada

2017 Lancement de la nouvelle collection, Galerie Tommy Zen, Montréal, Qc, Canada

2016 Collectif d'art de la Pointe-Valaine, Otterburn Park, QC, Canada



2016 10e anniversaire, Galerie Thompson Landry, Toronto, Canada

2016 Sommet du G20, Hangzhou Qianjiang International Art Museum, Hangzhou, Chine

2016 Entrée en galerie, Galerie Markowicz Fine Art, Miami, États-Unis

2015 25e anniversaire, Galerie L'Harmattan, Baie-Saint-Paul, Qc, Canada

2014 UNESCO International Banner Art Exhibition, Beyrouth, Liban

2014 Abu Dhabi Art Hub, Abu Dhabi, Émirats arabes unis

2013 9th International Art Festival, Bangkok, Thaïlande

2013 1st International Art Workshop, Phitsanulok, Thaïlande

2012 Korea Jeonbuk 1st Art Biennial, Wanju, Corée du Sud

2010 Nuits blanches, Galerie Lydia Monaro, Montréal, Qc, Canada

2009 Mairie de Bruges, Bruges, Belgique

2009 Galerie Jean-Pierre Valentin, Montréal, Qc, Canada

2009 X-mas exhibition, Galerie Lydia Monaro, Montréal, Qc, Canada

2004 Noël 2004, Galerie Lydia Monaro, Montréal, Qc, Canada

2002 Las Olas Fine arts Gallery, Fort Lauderdale, Floride, USA

2001 The Carlen Gallery, Ottawa, Ont., Canada

2001 Salon de l'habitation Signature, Montréal, Qc, Canada

2000 Salon des métiers d'art, Montréal, Qc, Canada

2000 Rencontre X, Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu Qc, Canada

1993 – 2000 Salon SIDIM, Montréal, Qc, Canada

1998 Collection Ambienti, Montréal, Qc, Canada

1997 Convention Center Design Show, Coconut Grove, Floride, USA

1997 Salle d'exposition Howard Lucas, Coconut Grove, Floride, USA



1997 Salon One of a Kind, Toronto, Ont., Canada

1993 – 1997 Salon de l'habitation, Montréal, Qc, Canada

1996 Miami Exhibition Center, Miami, Floride, USA

1996 Salle d'exposition NordSouth, Miami, Floride, USA

1996 Centre des arts visuels, Montréal, Qc, Canada

1995 – 1996 Salle d'exposition Maronix, Pompano Beach, Floride, USA

1987 Grand prix des métiers d'art, Montréal, Qc, Canada

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

2016 Hangzhou Qianjiang International Art Museum, Hangzhou, China

2014 Art Hub, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

2012 Wanju Museum, South Korea

2000 – 2001 – 2012 Saputo, Montreal

2003 Hôtel Quintessence, Mont-Tremblant

1986 – 2011 Bombardier, Saint-Bruno

1996 – 1998 – 2001 Casino de Montréal, Montréal

2001 Société des alcools du Québec (SAQ), Montréal

2001 Mont-Tremblant Congress Centre, Mont-Tremblant

2001 Nuances restaurant, Casino de Montréal, Montréal

2001 Dorval Airport, Montréal

2001 Hôtel du Casino, Hull

1997 – 2001 Cirque du Soleil, Montréal

2000 Citadel of Québec, City of Québec

2000 Casino de Charlevoix, Charlevoix

2000 Château Vaudreuil, Vaudreuil

GALERIE LANCHE

2000 Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, Montréal

1998 – 2000 Loto-Québec, Montréal

1991 – 2000 Le Château Frontenac, City of Québec

1999 Sheraton Hotel, Laval

1998 Bell Canada, Montréal

1997 Château du Mont-Tremblant, Mont-Tremblant

1997 Saidye Bronfman Centre, Montréal

1996 Casino de Hull, Hull

1995 Pointe-à-Callière Museum, Montréal

1995 National Assembly of Québec, City of Québec

1993 Ritz Carlton Hotel, Montréal

1992 Windsor Hotel, Montréal

1990 Montréal Conference Centre, Montréal

1985 Lantic Sugar, Montréal