Biography

Tommaso Spazzini Villa (Milan, 1986) lives and works in Rome.

He holds a degree in Art History from the University of Rome "La Sapienza" and in Economics from Bocconi University in Milan. During his Art History studies, he attended the Academy of Fine Arts in Rome, focusing on drawing and painting techniques.

In 2025, he took part in the Walls of Tomorrow project by Yourban2030, a non-profit organization founded around environmental, cultural, and social issues. The project involved 17 artists in the creation of 17 murals across the United States, inspired by Goal 16 of the United Nations 2030 Agenda, which aims to promote peaceful, just, and inclusive societies.

In 2022, he participated in Una Boccata d'Arte, a public art project promoted by Fondazione Elpis in Milan, curated by Bruno Barsanti in collaboration with Galleria Continua. That same year, he took part in the dual exhibition La Fortuna della Fragilità at Galleria Mattia De Luca in Rome.

He was a finalist for the 17th Cairo Prize and twice for the Talent Prize (2015 and 2023).

Tommaso Spazzini Villa's works are featured in public and private collections, including the Philadelphia Museum of Art, which acquired a piece from his *Ombre* series in 2019, and Vatican City, which acquired a work from *Radici* series.

Selected Shows

2026 - The Time That's Left - Totah Gallery, New York
2026 - Osanna Visconti with Dimore Studio, Milan
2025 - Vivere, parlare e vedere questo cielo. Dicastery for Culture and education, Vatican City
2025 - Bibliothèque des Beaux-Arts de Paris
2025 - The Tree Is Here, Still, in Pure Stone, M+M Gallery, Hong Kong
2025 - The Milky Way, Galleria Continua, San Gimignano

2022 - Una Boccata D’arte, Fondazione Elpis (Milan), curated by Bruno Barsanti in collab. with Galleria Continua
2022 - La Fortuna della Fragilità. Galleria Mattia De Luca, Roma
2019 - Oro d'Italia, Rome and New York
2017 - Volta Gallery, Basel
2016 - ProjectB Gallery, Milan
2015 - Satchii Gallery, London
2015 - Yia, Paris
2015 - START, Satchii Gallery, Lonon
2014 - Istanbul Contemporary, Istanbul

Public Collections

Philadelphia Museum of Art
Fondazione Elpis
Fondazione Golinelli - Bologna
FAI - Fondo Ambiente Italiano
Vatican City State

Awards

2025 | finalist, Prix Bob Calle du livre d’artiste
2025 | finalist, Premio Costa Smeralda
2023 | finalist, Talent Prize
2017 | finalist, Premio Cairo
2015 | finalist, Talent Prize

Talks

10 April 2026 | Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa | Maffei 90th Birthday Symposium | Tommaso Spazzini Villa - In questo cielo nascosto tra noi
08 February 2026 | Palazzo Collicola, Spoleto| Presentation of the book Autoritratti (Self-Portraits) with Eleonora di Benedetto, Giorgio Flamini, Marcello Smarrelli
30 October 2025 | International congress “Costellazioni educative, un patto con il futuro” Auditorium Conciliazione, Roma
26 October 2025 | Lo Spazio Pistoia | Exhibition and presentation of the book Autoritratti (Self-Portraits)

24 October 2025 | Biblioteca Mario Luzi, Firenze | Presentation of the book Autoritratti (Self-Portraits) | Florence
23 October 2025 | Università di Torino | Presentation of the book Autoritratti (Self-Portraits) | Turin
15 October 2025 | La Sapienza University, Law faculty | Presentation of the book Autoritratti (Self-Portraits)
28 September 2025 | Librixia, Brescia book fair XII ed. 2025 | Presentation of the book Autoritratti with Roberto Rossini
27 September 2025 | Fortyqueer Fest | Workshop "Autoritratti" (Self-Portraits)
07 June 2025 | Una Marina di Libri 2025 | Presentation of the book Autoritratti (Self-Portraits) with Claudio Gulli - Cantieri Culturali alla Zisa, Palermo
21 May 2025 | Triennale di Milano 2025 | Presentation of the book Autoritratti (Self-Portraits) with Silvia Romani | Milan
20 May 2025 | Reform Trust: Ideas on penal environments | Tommaso Spazzini Villa, Giacomo Papi, Giuseppe Scutellà | Dropcity, Milan
18 May 2025 | Salone Internazionale Del Libro, Turin | with Matteo Nucci
16 May 2025 | Living Classics - Dialogues on the Ancient in the Contemporary - Homer behind Bars | with Silvia Romani - Il Circolo dei Lettori, Turin
13 May 2025 | Autoritratti: vita in carcere - Presentation of the book Autoritratti (Self-Portraits) - press conference by Fabrizio Benzoni | Camera dei Deputati
10 April 2025 | Cardinal Tolentino, C. Perrella, M. Smarrelli - The Holy See Press Office, Rome
23 March 2025 | Libri Come 2025 | Autoritratti - Tommaso Spazzini Villa with Adriano Sofri | Auditorium, Rome
October 2024 | Noi Statale | University of Milan
October 2024 | Literature and Prison | Alma Mater University, Bologna
September 2024 | Presentation of the book Autoritratti (Self-Portraits) with Matteo Nucci | Palazzo delle Esposizioni
November 2017 | The Unseen Side | Tommaso Spazzini Villa | TEDxMilano

Radio

21-03-25 | Zapping, with Giancaro Loquenzi for Libri Come 2025 | Radio1
03-12-24 | Fahrenheit, Odissea come fine pena | Radio3
8-11-24 | Wannabe, il futuro che vorrei, with Francesca Romana Ceci | Radio1
26-09-24 | Zapping, with Giancarlo Loquenzi | Radio1