

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 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.

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](#)

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

Public Collections

Philadelphia Museum of Art
Fondazione Golinelli - Bologna
FAI - Fondo Ambiente Italiano

Selected Shows

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, powered by 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, London
2014 - Istanbul Contemporary, Istanbul

Radio

[21-03-25 | Zapping, with Giancarlo 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](#)