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TESFAYE URGESSA

1983 Born in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Lives and works between Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and Nürtingen, Germany

Education

2014 Staatliche Akademie der Bildende Künste, Stuttgart, Germany

2006 Alle School of Fine Art and Design, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia

Solo exhibitions

2026 *Primordial Paths*, Red Brick Art Museum, Beijing

2025 *Roots of Resilience*, The Sainsbury Centre, Norwich, UK

2024 *Prejudice and Belonging*, Ethiopia National Pavilion, 60th Venice Biennale,
Palazzo Bollani, Venice
Tesfaye Urgessa, Saatchi Yates, London

2022 *Tesfaye Urgessa*, Rubell Museum Miami, Florida
Tesfaye Urgessa, Saatchi Yates Miami, Florida

2021 *Tesfaye Urgessa*, Saatchi Yates, London

2020 *Nach wind greifen*, Kreuzkirche, Nürtingen, Germany
Übersehe Mich Nicht, Galerie Schrade, Schloss Mochental, Ehingen, Germany

2019 *Atemzug*, Galerie Tobias Schrade, Ulm, Germany
No Country for Young Men, Addis Fine Art, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

2018 *Oltre/Beyond*, Uffizi Galleries, Florence, Italy
No Country for Young Men, Galerieverein Leonberg, Leonberg Daegu Art Museum,
Korea

2017 *Auszeit*, Galerieverein Wendlingen, Wendlingen, Germany
Free Fall, Galerie Evelyn Drewes, Hamburg, Germany

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2015 *Body and Soul*, Symptra GmbH, Stuttgart, Germany

Selected group exhibitions

2025 AMOCA Dialogues: Black Voices from the Museum Collection AMOCA, Cardiff, Wales

2023 *Bathers*, Saatchi Yates, London
Tense Conditions: A Presentation of Contemporary African Art, Staatsgalerie Stuttgart, Germany

2022 *The New African Portraiture*, Kunsthalle Krems, Austria

2021 *From Modern to Contemporary: Artists from the Horn of Africa and Diaspora*, CFHILL, Stockholm
The Stand-Ins: Figurative Painting from the Collection, Zabłudowicz Collection, London

2020 *Was Meinen Sie, Frau Hoffman?*, Galerie ABTART, Stuttgart, Germany

2019 *Ich Halte Dich Esthalten*, Schacher – Raum für Kunst, Stuttgart, Germany
Von Denen Die Auszogen, State Galerie Villa, Streccius, Landau, Germany

2016 *Fremdkörper*, Schacher – Raum für Kunst, Stuttgart, Germany
Ethiopia Today, Kunstation Kleinassen, Hofbieber-Kleinassen, Germany

Selected awards

2014 Prize of the State Academy of Stuttgart, Germany

2010 Camillo-Michele-Gloria-Preis, GasVersorgung, Süddeutschland, Stuttgart, Germany

Selected public collections

Brooklyn Museum, New York
Castello di Rivoli, Turin, Italy
Cheng-Lan Foundation, Hong Kong & London
Kunstmuseum Stuttgart, Germany

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The Museum of African Contemporary Art Al Maaden, Marrakech
Rubell Museum, Miami, Florida
Staatsgalerie Stuttgart, Germany
Uffizi Galleries, Florence, Italy
Zabludowicz Collection, London

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