



Eniwaye Oluwaseyi

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“Buried Roots Up in the Air Part 1” and “Buried Roots Up in the Air Part 2”

Zidoun-Bossuyt, Luxembourg City and Paris

Through Apr. 25th and May 2nd, respectively



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The story of Space and time, 2025

Zidoun-Bossuyt

Price on request

Home is a memory for Eniwaye Oluwaseyi, who immigrated from Nigeria to Amsterdam in 2023. He paints intimate yet distanced paintings of family and friends, inhabiting domestic space, inspired largely by his personal archive of photographs. These works combine the formality of mid-century studio portraiture with expressive color and layered surfaces. Oluwaseyi presents a series of new works in parallel solo exhibitions with Zidoun-Bossuyt in Luxembourg and Paris: “Buried Roots Up in the Air Part 1” and “Buried Roots Up in the Air Part 2,” respectively.

These dual exhibitions explore how memory is inherited through place and lived experience. *The story of Space and time* (2025) is a portrait featuring a family of four seated on the couch with a solemn, sculptural stillness that gives the sense of a staged photograph. Rather than a personal experience, it seems like an artifact, preserved for an archive. One standout portrait, *MAMA DEE* (2025), features a poised woman in an intricately patterned dress, her steady gaze fixed on the viewer. These paintings echo the work of other contemporary Black portrait painters, like Kerry James Marshall, in their quiet assertion of Black presence.

Oluwaseyi studied agricultural and biosystems engineering at the University of Ilorin in Nigeria and is a self-taught artist. His work has been acquired by the Pérez Art Museum Miami (PAMM) and Xiao Museum in Rizhao, China, among others. ■

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