



## Fatola Israel

(Visual Artist)

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### BIOGRAHY

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Fatola, born on the 7<sup>th</sup> of April, 1996, is a highly passionate Visual Artist. He is the Creative Director of HeavenlyArtz™ - a Creative Brand set to illustrate human experiences through Art with the creative fusion of Film/Documentary, Storytelling, Poetry, and Visual Art.

Several of his works have been awarded and has featured in numerous group shows all across the world. Fatola's narrative and the expressive properties of his technique are carefully constructed to describe with acute accuracy, the true inward essence of his subjects and their unique experience. His raw detail forces the viewer to see everything, thereafter creating an awareness which the artist intends to use to inspire.

### STATEMENT

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My aim as a Visual Artist is to communicate my thoughts and ideas, portraying the struggles and experiences of Man as a product of the Society. These numerous and multifaceted struggles in life are in fact used as tools to inspire me to create, serving as an abode for emotional stress and food for the mind.

Through raw realism, I intend to provoke emotions, the necessary catalyst to encourage a shift in the nature of ongoing conversations towards more practical actions that will ignite more creativity, hereby solve more problems in the world today.

## EDUCATION

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2017	<b>Bachelor of Arts</b> (Visual Arts): University of Lagos, Nigeria
2016	<b>Industrial Training:</b> Universal Studios of Art, Iganmu-Lagos, Nigeria
2014	<b>Drawing Certificate:</b> OYASAF Art Workshop, Lagos, Nigeria

## AWARDS/PRIZES

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2019	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up</b> , British Council Office Art Showcase
2018	<b>Finalist</b> , Rise Art Prize, United Kingdom
2017	<b>Finalist</b> , Union Bank Centenary Art Challenge
2017	<b>1st Prize Overall Winner</b> for "Life on Land", ArtBeat 2.0 Farabale Africa
2017	<b>Lawrence Agada Prize</b> for "Story of My Life", Life in My City Art Festival
2016	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Overall Prize</b> for "Mojisola", Embassy of Spain, Abuja, FCT
2016	<b>Consolation Prize</b> for "Captivity" at Riches Within, Life In My City Art Festival

## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

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Dec. 2020	<b>Galerie Sonia Monti:</b> (Group Exhibition) Paris, France
Nov. 2019	<b>Impart Art Fair:</b> Eko Atlantic City, Victoria Island, Lagos
Oct. 2017	<b>"In The Midst Of Realities"</b> LIMCAF, Enugu
Feb. 2017	<b>Eko Art Expo</b> Themed "Lagos for All", Lagos
Dec. 2016	<b>Afropolitan Vibes</b> Music and Art Festival. Lagos
Oct. 2016	<b>Riches Within</b> , LIMCAF – Enugu, Nigeria
Sept. 2016	<b>Idealism and Fantasy</b> , Thought Pyramid Art Gallery, Abuja