

## Fragments: A Symphony of Shapes

Solo Exhibition by Lawrence Meju

20th July – 10th August, 2024



ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE DE LAGOS / MIKE ADENUGA CENTRE

9, Osborne Road, Ikoyi (The Gallery)

COCKTAIL OPENING

20th July, 2024 | 3: 00 pm



## **Artist Bio**

Lawrence Meju is a visual artist based in Lagos, Nigeria, drawing inspiration from the intricate connections between people, urban environments, and the creation of imagined worlds. With a background in Architecture from the University of Lagos, he navigates the intersection of art and architecture, finding mutual inspiration between these disciplines.

Meju's passion for art has evolved into a profound commitment to authenticity and exploration of creative ideas and styles. His works, spanning textured paper, upcycled materials, paint, and digital media, reflect a belief in curiosity and the combination of diverse mediums to capture the essence of our interconnected world.

His works have been showcased globally, including a publication with the Contemporary Collage Magazine #2 (2024), Subo Art Magazine (2022), and exhibitions at the Adidas flagship in London with Creative Debuts (2022), "The Ties that Bind Us" virtual group exhibition with The Cowrie Culture (2022), and the "Desire Lines" exhibition with Affinity Art Gallery (2022).

He was also a runner-up of the Visible Artist Award at the House of St. Barnabas, London (2023), and exhibited at the +234 Art Fair curated by Soto Gallery (2024).

## **Curatorial Statement**

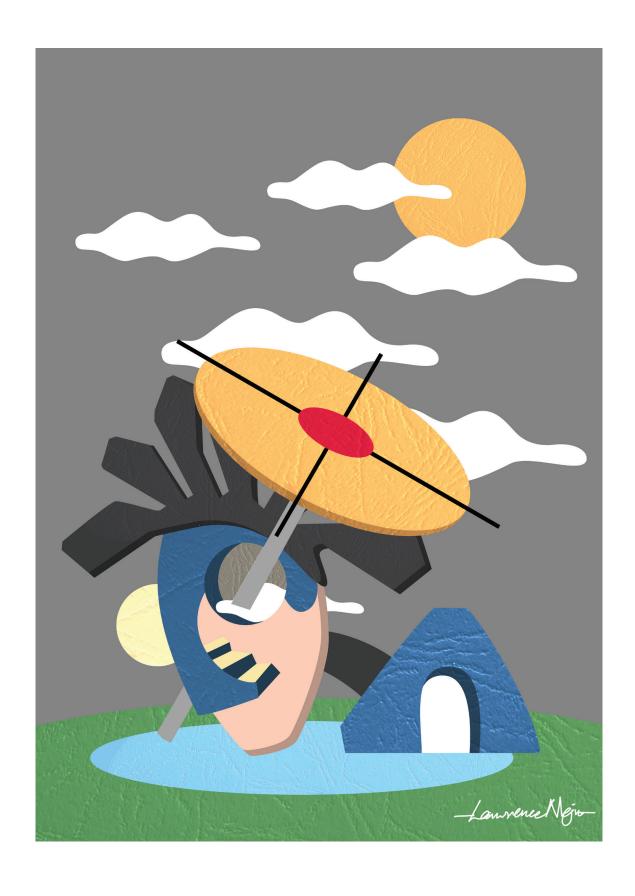
This exhibition explores the creation of forms to reflect various themes, demonstrating how each shape, as a fragment, contributes to a larger visual symphony, using the symbolic power of shapes to convey complex emotional and social narratives.

Addressing the balance between individuality and community, Lawrence mirrors themes of personal identity and societal dynamics through fragmentation, symbolizing how our individual stories are composed of various pieces—some distinct, others blending seamlessly.

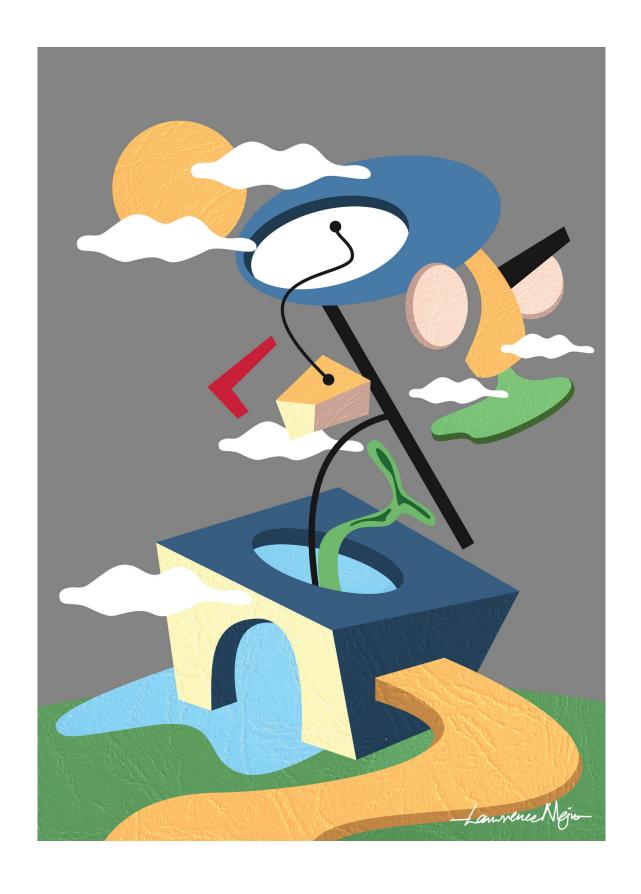
Working closely with Oluwajomiloju Adeyemi on space design and layout, this exhibition aims to show the beauty of collective synergy, highlighting how experiences and relationships shape us.

It emphasizes eco-consciousness and the poetic nature of the everyday materials used in each work. By incorporating digital media, the exhibition bridges traditional and contemporary practices, creating a dynamic interplay between the tactile and the virtual.

Curatorial Advisory by Ladunni Lambo



Entelechy Oasis
Giclee Archival Print (Edition of 10)
55.3 x 38.1 cm (Artwork size)
2024
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Dawn of an Unbound Mind Giclee Archival Print (Edition of 10) 55.3 x 38.1 cm (Artwork size) 2024

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Labyrinth of the Subconscious: An Inner Odyssey Giclee Archival Print (*Edition of 10*) 55.3 x 38.1 cm (*Artwork size*) 2024

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Life's Colourful Crescendo
Giclee Archival Print (Edition of 10)
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Clockwork
Paper on paper
60 x 50 cm (*Artwork size*)
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Be Still and Listen
Paper on paper
60 x 50 cm (*Artwork size*)
2024
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A Meeting With Nostalgia
Paper on paper
60 x 50 cm (*Artwork size*)
2024
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Time Has Much to Tell
Paper on paper
60 x 50 cm (*Artwork size*)
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Self-Portrait: Morning Glory
Paper on paper
60 x 50 cm (*Artwork size*)
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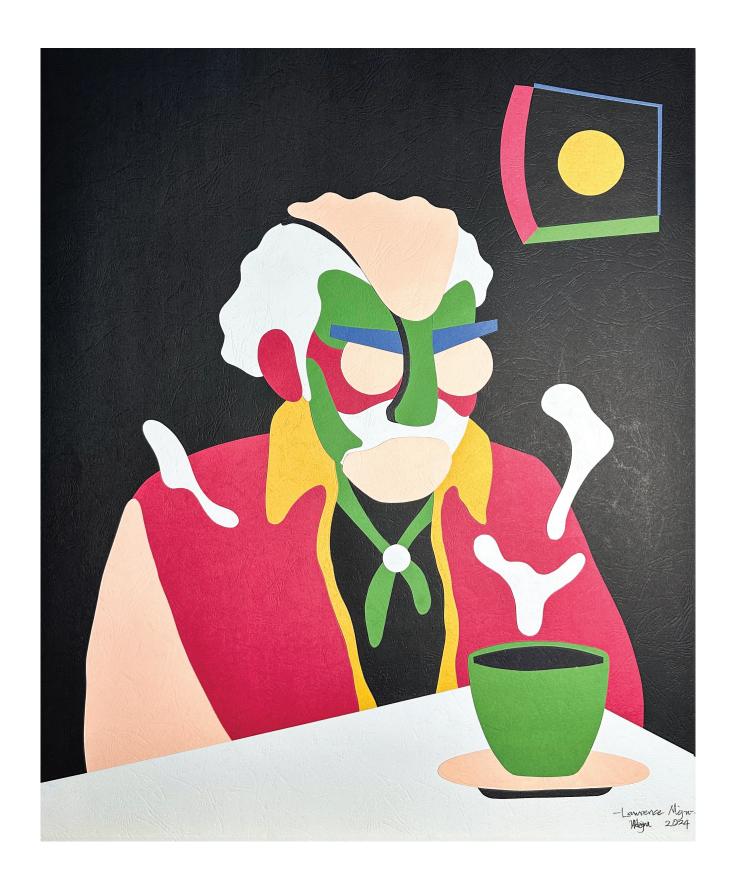
Self-Portrait: Night Serenity

Paper on paper

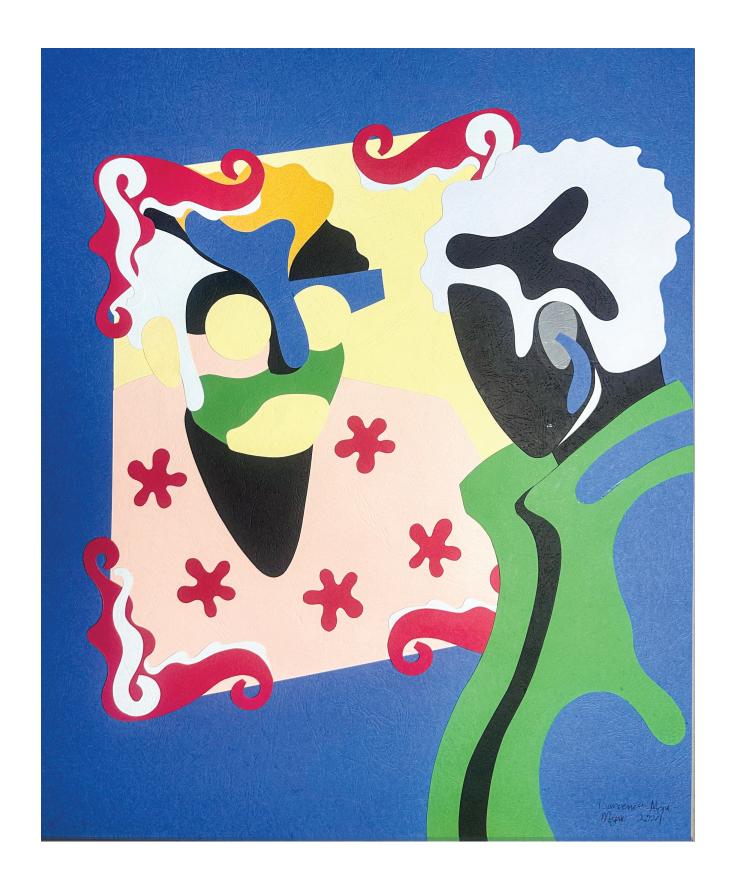
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Coffee Break
Paper on paper
60 x 50 cm (*Artwork size*)
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In Conversation With Myself
Paper on paper
60 x 50 cm (*Artwork size*)
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Sowing Seeds of Fortune
Paper on paper
60 x 50 cm (*Artwork size*)
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Light Your Path
Paper on paper
60 x 50 cm (*Artwork size*)
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JMB
Paper on paper
60 x 50 cm (*Artwork size*)
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Serenade
Paper on paper
60 x 50 cm (*Artwork size*)
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Surreal Situation for Two I
Paper on paper
60 x 50 cm (*Artwork size*)
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Surreal Situation for Two II

Paper on paper
60 x 50 cm (*Artwork size*)
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Army for Two
Paper, Brazilian Hardboard Sheet
122 x 91 cm (*Artwork size*)
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In Full Bloom
Paper, Brazilian Hardboard Sheet
122 x 91 cm (*Artwork size*)
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