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PERSONAL INFORMATION

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EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS/BACKGROUND

Federal Polytechnic Auchi, Edo State Dates: 1992 – 1994 Degree Obtained: National Diploma (Painting & General Arts)

Federal Polytechnic Auchi, Edo State Dates: 1996 – 1997 Degree Obtained: Higher National Diploma (Painting Major)

Okotie Eboh Grammar School, Sapele, Delta State Dates: 1984 – 1990 Degree Obtained: Senior School Certificate

QUALIFICATIONS & TRAINING

Osa First Care UK (OFC), Level 2 Mental Health Certificate

Date: 25 June, 2022

International Volunteering/Digital Communications

Date: 2022

La Plage Meta Verse Training Center, Level 3 Mental Health Certificate

Date: 18 Dec, 2022

WORK EXPERIENCE

International School Sapele Dates: 1991 – 1992

700 & Preston Ltd Sapele Dates: 1992 – 1997

Ministry of Works & Housing, Yobe State (NYSC) Dates: 1998 – 1999

Lifestyle Art Studio Dates: 2000 – 2005

Federal Neuro Psychiatric Hospital, Benin City (Occupational Therapy Unit) Dates: 2005 – Present

EXHIBITIONS (SELECTIVE)

- Self-Expression Final Year Exhibition, Auchi (Group) Date: June, 1998
- 2. Creative Impulse and Peace Sustenance, Appollo Presidential Hotel, Sapele (Solo) Date: 3rd - 13th November, 2004
- 3. **Open Heaven, National Museum, Benin City** (Group) Date: 8th - 12th December, 2008
- 4. **Miniature Exhibition, Lessedra Gallery, Bulgaria** (Group) Date: 9th June - 28th August, 2010
- 5. Visuals of Ancient Benin Kingdom, National Gallery, Benin City (Group) Date: 18th - 28th October, 2011
- 6. Radiance of Artistry, National Gallery, Benin City (Group) Date: 25th November - 5th December, 2013
- Arts & Heart (Charity Exhibition), Ikoyi, Lagos (Group) Date: October, 2015
- Oxford International Art Fair, London (Group) Date: August, 2015
- That Art Fair, Cape Town, South Africa (Group) Date: 25th February, 2016
- 10. Dialogue Beyond Frontier, Galaria Noko, Port Elizabeth, South Africa (Group) Date: 21st - 31st August, 2016
- 11. Mangroves from the Waters (UAE) (Group) Date: 8th - 11th March, 2017
- 12. AMP Exhibition, Abu Dhabi (UAE) (Group) Date: October, 2017
- 13. Ota Art Fair, Ogun State (Group) Date: 22nd - 23rd March, 2018

- 14. Mental Sanity, Cartoon Art Gallery, Dubai (Solo) Date: 30th March - 6th April, 2018 <u>https://youtu.be/GAnu5U7c3nk</u>
- 15. World Arts Dubai (WAD) (Group) Date: 3rd - 29th April, 2019
- 16. Mauritius International Art Fair (MIAF) (Group) Date: 6th - 10th October, 2019
- 17. Arkane Africa, Morocco International Art Fair (Group) Date: 9th - 23rd October, 2019
- International Artists Exhibition (Online) (Group) Date: 15th Aug, 2021
- 19. Elixir, Sculpture Association of Nigeria Exhibition (Group) Date: 13th – 22nd November, 2021
- 20. A Catalyst for Sustainability, Dubai (Upcycling) (Group) Date: 8th June, 2021
- 21. Miniature Art Fair, Lagos, Nigeria (Group) Omina Private Beach, Victoria Island, Lagos Date: 1st - 3rd October, 2021
- 22. October Rain, Society of Nigerian Artists (SNA), MyDrim Gallery, Victoria Island, Lagos Date: 16th 30th October, 2022
- 23. Upcycling Redefined, International Institute for Creative Development / US Embassy / Transcorp Hilton Hotels

Date: 8th - 10th September, 2023

WORKSHOPS (SELECTIVE)

- 1. Nike Centre for Arts & Culture, Osogbo, Nigeria Date: 4th June - 4th July, 2006
- 2. Hammered Metal Maizon Chaclizo, Aneho, Togo Date: 7th - 26th May, 2006
- Hammattan Workshop, Agbara Otor, Nigeria Dates: 28th February - 13th March, 2010; 4th - 17th March, 2012; 23rd February - 7th March, 2014; 8th – 21st March, 2015
- 4. Drawing is Basic with Victor Ekpuk, Art House Contemporary Limited, Lagos Date: 15th - 25th August, 2015
- 5. Junkmania (Junkman of Africa), Thought Pyramids, Abuja, Nigeria Date: 4th - 9th July, 2016
- 6. Mable Painting (Art for Peace), Turkish International School, Lagos Date: 2nd September, 2017
- 7. Beyond Prison, Beyond Borders, Artist Association of Nigeria, Ikoyi, Lagos Date: 17th - 19th October, 2018

- 8. Guild of Professional Fine Artists of Nigeria, 10th Year Anniversary/Workshop Date: 11th September, 2018
- 9. Repousse Metal (Wyart Foundation), Lagos Date: 15th August, 2017
- 10. Upcycling The New Economy, International Institute for Creative Development (IICD), Abuja Date: 4th 16th May, 2019
- 11. Waste to Wealth, Thought Pyramid Gallery/Foundation for Creative Development, Oghara, Delta State Date: 10th - 20th April, 2021
- 12. Aluminum Metal Foil Workshop, Arty-Folks, LTB Building Coventry, UK Date: 14th November, 2023
- 13. Monumental Vision Workshop/Exhibition, Warwick Art Center, Coventry, UK Date: 29th February, 2024

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- 1. Society of Nigerian Artists (S.N.A., Edo State Branch), Member
- 2. Sculpture Association of Nigeria (ScAN), Member
- 3. Beyond Borders Artists Association of Nigeria, Member
- 4. Society of Nigerian Artists (SNA) (Edo/Lagos State), Member
- 5. GAIM (Global Arts in Medicine), Member
- 6. Artis Needed Chicago, Member
- 7. Artform UAE Member
- 8. SPL (Society for Positive Living), Member

VIDEO LINKS

Mental Sanity, Solo, 2019: https://youtu.be/GAnu5U7c3nk

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

- * Ambassador : Numatville Tourism Village Abuja Nigeria (a.k.a. Abuja Dubai)
- * Ambassador : Harmattan Workshop (Bruce Onobrakpeya Foundation, BOF)

REFEREES

Available On Request