

COLOURFUL FAITH

by 'Segun Olude & Gibril Bangura

an experiential exhibition of Yorùbá language and culture through photography, art, drumming, dancing, oratory, storytelling, hair/head-tie styling, mission stories and a service in Yorùbá

September 24 – November 18

OPENING: SUNDAY, September 24, 2:30PM

Colourful Faith is the brainchild of Winnipeg artist and educator 'Segun Olude. The exhibit includes his original photographs and creations based on a book on Yorùbá life he has written and designed. Paintings by Gibril Bangura will also be featured, as will contemporary paintings Olude has collected in Nigeria. A number of events will take place during the run of the exhibition, bringing Yorùbá language and culture to life. Come learn and celebrate.

'Segun Olude

Multi-talented 'Segun Olude is a certified professional graphic designer with an extensive portfolio. He is owner of Indigo Ink Studios and has taught graphic design studio courses at the University of Manitoba as a Sessional Instructor for over 10 years.

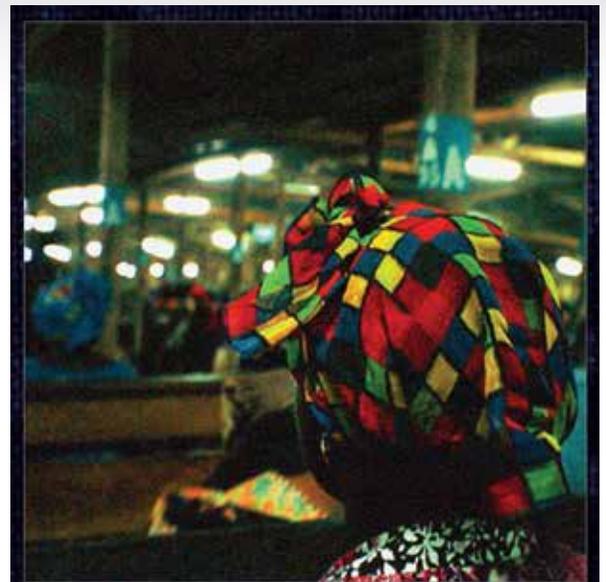
One of his other passions is organizing and running design seminars for students and teachers in higher institutions all over Nigeria, as a way of contributing to the development of the profession of graphic design. The past 11 years he and his wife have travelled to Nigeria once each year to teach and train pastors and leaders about community transformation.

An avid photographer and traveller, 'Segun's book documents the lifestyle and culture of the contemporary Yorùbá, including stories of celebrations, dwellings, places of worship, clothing and various traditions. He has also initiated a legacy project to preserve and educate the world about Yorùbá narrative culture.

Gibril Bangura

Gibril Bangura is a painter originally from Sierra Leone who now lives in Edmonton. His first exhibition was at the UNESCO headquarters in Paris at age 19. He has since exhibited in embassies in Sierra Leone, Guinea, and more recently at The Edge Gallery, Frame Arts Warehouse and IRCOM (Immigrant & Refugee Community Organization of Manitoba) House in Winnipeg. Gibril is exhibiting works dubbed 'Happy Paintings' for their vibrance. They bring joy to the heart of the viewer. His work is therapeutic and he hopes this exhibition will bring healing, joy and hope, and renew the faith of all who view them.

He teaches art, batik and tie dye and is a motivational speaker in prisons. Gibril hopes to one day open a centre in the inner city to help young people get away from gangs and street life. He has been a fulltime artist the past 27 years.



TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS: The MHC Gallery relies almost entirely on donations from gallery supporters who undergird operating and project budgets – from office and exhibit supplies to salaries and everything between. To help keep the gallery growing, **make cheques payable to: Canadian Mennonite University, memo line MHC Gallery.** Mail to: 500 Shaftesbury Blvd., Winnipeg, MB R3P 2N2. Credit card donations, contact Connie Wiebe at cwiebe@cmu.ca or 204 487-3300, ext 344. Online donations at cmu.ca/donate. Ray Dirks, curator, rdirks@cmu.ca

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RELATED EVENTS

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digital copies of the exhibition poster are available upon request to rdirks@cmu.ca

special thanks to:



MHC GALLERY annual fundraiser

Friday, September 29, 7:30PM

RSVP to Connie Wiebe at cwiebe@cmu.ca or 204 487 3300, ext 344

Guest Speaker 'Segun Olude
Performance Bola Oriyomi
Gallery Update and Future Ray Dirks

fast-paced, informative, art, fabulous desserts, Yorùbá inspired finger food, good company

Through the 19 years the MHC Gallery has existed artists from many faith and cultural backgrounds have come through our doors, have revealed their heart and their art for the rest of us. It has been colourful. It has been joyous. It has been insightful. It has also meant countless opportunities to get to know each other, to experience and appreciate the multicultural, multi-faith society that is here for all of us to embrace. We invite you to attend the 2017 annual fundraiser and help the gallery continue and move forward.

It is essential to RSVP by September 18.



The MHC Gallery, a vital extension of Canadian Mennonite University, is on the cutting edge of arts, cultural and community institutions. The gallery seeks to stimulate and sustain Anabaptist/Mennonite distinctives built on faith, perseverance and obedience, and to honour the gifts and commitments of people from diverse communities and cultures. This celebration of art, artists and cultures enriches a faith foundation that acknowledges and heralds the Creator of us all.

NEXT

Opening on Friday, November 24, 7:30PM
Carolyn Mount and Tracy Fehr.

Exhibitions

The gallery generally hosts six exhibition time slots per year — either one exhibition using both levels or, most often, different exhibitions on each level. Contact Ray Dirks at rdirks@cmu.ca for exhibition information.

Mailing list

To receive information on all upcoming exhibitions join our mailing list by contacting Connie Wiebe at cwiebe@cmu.ca or 204 487 3300, ext 344.

Thank you

To all who make donations, large and small, we thank you for helping this unique gallery continue to thrive and make a difference.

DONATIONS

The MHC Gallery is now part of Canadian Mennonite University. The mandate and staff are unchanged. It continues to be funded, from hammers and nails to salaries, by donations. Your support is what keeps the gallery alive. There is one **IMPORTANT CHANGE. Cheques must now be made out to Canadian Mennonite University designated to the MHC Gallery.**

donation options:

- by cheques payable to Canadian Mennonite University, MHC Gallery on the memo line, mailed to 500 Shaftesbury Blvd., Winnipeg, MB R3P 2N2
- online at cmu.ca/donate (by credit or debit card)
- make a monthly commitment using the online portal or by contacting Connie Wiebe at cwiebe@cmu.ca or 204.487.3300, ext. 344
- bring a donation when you visit the gallery in person



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Speakers, Makers, Performers, Teachers, Presenters + Dates

* LIST SUBJECT TO CHANGE. DATES TO BE CONFIRMED

Week 1

Sunday, September 24, 2017

2:30 - 4:30 PM — Exhibition Opening
'Segun Olude + Gibril Bangura: Artist Talks
Bola Oriyomi: Drumming + Storytelling
Ebenezer Fatimehin + David Kunle Fatimehin:
Yoruba Dance Performance

Thursday, September 28, 2017

7:00 - 8:00 PM — Gèlè Headtie,
Caps + Selfies Evening
Kofoworola Williams-Akinrinlola

Saturday, September 30, 2017

11:00 - 12 noon — Yoruba Language Lesson
Okin Club International
Yoruba Language School with
Titi Tijani + Tinuola Kadijat Busari
1:00 - 2:00 PM — Popular Yoruba Riddles
Kunle Ajisebutu

Week 2

Wednesday, October 4, 2017

7:00 - 8:00 PM — Yoruba History + Songs
Okin Club International Yoruba Language
School with Titi Tijani + Tinuola Kadijat Busari

Week 3

Sunday, October 8, 2017

2:30 PM — Yoruba Thanksgiving Service
Yoruba Pastors*
3:30 PM — Mission Stories
Titilola Olude, Promisedland Ministries

Wednesday, October 11, 2017

7:00 - 8:00 PM — Yoruba Cooking and
Hospitality
Rachel Alao, OM

Week 4

Sunday, October 15, 2017

2:30 - 3:30 PM — Gèlè Head-tie, Caps + Selfies
Evening
Kofoworola Williams-Akinrinlola
Funmi Akinrinlola

Saturday, October 21, 2017

12 Noon - 1:00 PM — Drumming + Storytelling
Bola Oriyomi
1:00 - 2:00 PM — Popular Yoruba Riddles
Kunle Ajisebutu
2:00 - 3:00 PM — Ewi Oratory
[Yoruba Praise Songs]
Olaniyi Oyatoye

Week 5

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

7:00 - 8:00 PM — Yoruba Cooking and
Hospitality
Rachel Alao
8:00 - 9:00 — Braiding, Styling and Selfies
Lola Omoniyi + Isaac Omoniyi

Week 8

Sunday, November 12, 2017

2:30 - 3:30 PM — Gèlè Headtie,
Caps + Selfies Evening
Kofoworola Williams-Akinrinlola
Funmi Akinrinlola

Week 9

Saturday, November 18, 2017

2:30 Exhibition Closing Ceremonies
Yorùbá Descendants Cultural Association of
Manitoba, Canada (Ègb Ọmọ Yorùbá)
4:00 PM — Ewi Oratory [Yoruba Praise Songs]
Olaniyi Oyatoye