

CV

EDUCATION:

M.F.A - University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, North Dakota, USA (distinction). - 2009

Advertising Art Diploma (Graphic design) Red River College, Winnipeg, Manitoba. Canada. - 2000

Higher Diploma (Major in Painting) Yaba College of Arts and Technology, Lagos, Nigeria. - 1986

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS:

Who is In and Who is Out - MHC Gallery, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada - May 3 - June 22, 2019

My Language Space - Gurevich Fine Art, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada - May 12 - June 15, 2014

From My Black-Etched Pot - New Art Centre, New York, NYC, USA - May 1 - 19, 2012

Unconventional - Gupta Centre CNIB, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada - October 17 - 21, 2011

Dignity Within - Empire Arts Center, Grand Forks, North Dakota, USA - July 18 – August 12, 2009

Street Bound - Eugene Myers Art Gallery, University of North Dakota - April 27 – May 1, 2009

Peace and Purpose - Artist Gallery" 71 Elsbury Bay, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada - June 23, 2007

Dance out of Injustice - Franco-Manitoban Cultural Centre, Winnipeg - April 6 - May 14, 2006

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SELECTED GROUP JURIED EXHIBITIONS:

Honouring Canada's Black Artists - the Senate of Canada, Ottawa Sept 18, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Artist Juried Exhibition - Mennonite Heritage Centre Gallery - September 28 - November 10, 2018

Guest artist - Ottawa Artist Collective Exhibition - St. Elias Centre - October 26 and 27, 2013

MSA 110th Year Juried Exhibition - Winnipeg Art Gallery, Winnipeg, Manitoba - April 07 - 22, 2012

Multi-Layering Experience - Art Expo New York, Pier 94, New York - March 25 - 27, 2011

Multi-Layering Experience - The Artists Project New York, Pier 92, New York - March 17 - 20, 2011

Manitoba Juried Art Expo - Winnipeg Assiniboia Downs - Nov. 4 - 7, 2010

The Artists Project New York - Pier 92, New York - November 20, 2011

Show Some Emotion - Sixth Street Gallery, Vancouver, WA. - Mar. 3 - Mar. 28, 2010

Six Artists, One Voice - Joseph D. Carrier Gallery, Toronto, ON. - Sept. 8 - Sept. 28, 2009

Invisible Dignity - King's University College, Edmonton, AB. - Sept. 17 – Nov. 21, 2008

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APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

The Support Art Leaders assessment panel member - Manitoba Arts Council - March 2022

Keynote/workshop: 2nd Participatory Peace Painting - Bairdmore School by CRRIC, Canada and Rotary Club, Winnipeg. - November 26, 2019 -

Leader and Roundtable host at the Institute for Canadian Citizenship - initiative of Honourable Adrienne Clarkson and John Ralston Saul. - July 25, 2019 -

Growing the Value of Originality and Teamwork, _ Creative Foundation Inc, Canada - May 11, 2017

[Appointed member of board, Manitoba Arts Council \(MAC\).](#) - October 12, 2010 - 2019

Finance committee member of board, Manitoba Arts Council - October 12, 2017 - 2019

Equity committee member of board, Manitoba Arts Council - October 12, 2010 - 2019

Jury Member, Artist in Community Residency and the Community Connection and Access - Manitoba Arts Council - June 9, 2010,

ART TALK and WORKSHOP:

Artist Talk - The journey to my method: curated by Mariana Muñoz Gomez of Martha Street Studio - October 17, 2020

UNESCO school, Bairdmore Pembina Trails School, Workshop on UNESCO Peace Painting - November 26, 2019

Workshop on "The effect of removable glue", Charleswood Art Group. - February 20, 2017

Art Talk, "Colour, Space, Time and Human Purpose", at Grant Memorial Artist Collective. Oct. 1, 2016

Watercolour Workshop, at Grant Memorial Artist Collective - October 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2016

Abstract - Multilayering in Acrylic with Local Colour Art Group, Winnipeg - March 9 - 10, 2013

TEACHING:

Fine Art Instructor, Lagos State Model College, Badore, Lagos - 1988 – 1997

Adjunct lecturer, Painting & Drawing, Adeniran Ogunsanya College of Education - 1992 – 1996

RECOGNITIONS/AWARDS:

Govt. of Alberta Education Fine Arts Curriculum, features Yisa Akinbolaji's art, "Wisdom Thread", - Draft Visual Arts Kindergarten to Grade 6 - 2021

HONOUR 150 - Award recognition from Hon. Lt. Gov. Janice C. Filmon, C.M; O.M - Feb. 24, 2021

Manitoba HONOUR 150 - Award medal presentation. - 2021

Ondo State Cultural Ambassador, Ondo State of Nigeria - October 13, 2021

Senate of Canada recognition of Yisa Akinbolaji and Chantal Gibson, by Senator Hon. Pat Bovey. - September 30, 2020

Award for Individual Research and Creation - Canada Council for the Arts - 2020

A recognition of Yisa Akinbolaji at the Canadian Parliament Chamber in Ottawa by Hon. Senator Patricia Bovey. - February 27, 2019

Role Model Award by the Conflict and Resilience Research Institute, Canada. Nov 20, 2018.

Premier's Volunteer Service Award - Recognition at the Manitoba Legislative Assembly for outstanding contributions. April 12, 2018

Professional Development Grant - Winnipeg Arts Council. - 2012

Founder & Chairman, Creative Foundation Inc, Winnipeg. 1999

PUBLICATION AND MEDIA PREVIEWS/REVIEWS:

Art is an Enigma for Canadian Society (gallerieswest), by Patricia Bovey. - March 22, 2021

New Senate art display is the first ever to feature Black artists, by Laura Ryckewaert, The HILL TIMES cover page. Sept. 30, 2020

The Senate honours Canada's Black artists. - 2020

Immigration and Art in Winnipeg - CHVN Radio, by Mariel Roehr - May 6, 2019

Envisioning the future with visual art - Winnipeg Free Press, by Sunday Olukoju - May 24, 2017

Growing the Value of Originality and Teamwork - CTV News Winnipeg, 6:00pm, of the Creative Foundation Inc, Canada - May 11, 2017

*Making art brings people, cultures together - Winnipeg Free Press, Community News, Nov. 7, 2016
CJOB, Winnipeg by Dahlia Kurtz - May 25, 2016*

*Creating Harmony Through Artistic Expression Community News Commons, by Genevieve Henderson
March 24, 2016*

Celebrating Yoruba art, music, storytelling - Winnipeg Free Press, by Carol Sanders. May 8, 2015
CTV News, Coverage of My Language Space - May 12 - 13, 2014
Redemptive Art in Society page 152 - 153, by Dr. Calvin Seerveld. - 2014

"...colour me some more Ottawa", by Samantha Ammoun, Ottawa Star Vol. 1 pg. 3. Nov. 7, 2013

Cover and page 30 "TOP Emerging Artists" - by Jennifer M. Wood, Art Business News, New York. November/December 2011

Sharing the journey with Yisa Akinbolaji, by Leigh Patterson, STYLE MANITOBA. Nov. 22, 2011 –

Donated mosaic celebrates peace, human purpose, by Matt Prepost, Metro, Winnipeg Free Press. October 26, 2011