

Brampton Artist seeks a Special Art Patron to help him give back to the City.

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Abiola Idowu is a Brampton artist, who is looking to sell one of his 2022 sculpture "The Colours of Courage." This piece is special because he created it to help the Brampton Chinese Business Association and the City of Brampton celebrate the Lunar New Year earlier this year.

2022 marks the Year of the Tiger in the Lunar Calendar, and it seems to many to be an extra special year. "Like so many I am inspired by feelings of hope and promise after two years of being impacted by the pandemic." explains the artist "This gives gives us courage to achieve amazing things."

Abiola is looking for a very special art patron to obtain the Colours of Courage for their collection and to help him give back to the City of Brampton. Revenue from the sale will pay for his art studio rental for one full year, enabling him to focus on creative expression, bringing healing to Brampton and being an artistic voice of the City. With the sale of the Colours of Courage he plans to provide free group art classes to children and youth at least once a week every week in his public studio during this year-long period. He will work with community groups that support marginalized families ensuring that access to this resources is realized by those in need.

The special art patron will not only be celebrated as a supporter of local arts, and community development. They will also be the owner of a unique and valuable sculpture created with love by a celebrated artist. The sculpture is a manifestation of courage, but also of Brampton's multicultural community which inspires the artist daily. The sculpture is a colourful tiger constructed from a mosaic of plexiglass, framed in sturdy welded steel. It is 6 feet long (from the end of the tail to the tip of the nose) and about 5 feet tall. It is lit from the inside with LED floodlights and ready to be installed on any platform or surface. It is suited for indoors or outdoors, but the artist recommends that it is kept mostly indoors for maximum longevity.

Abiola hopes to sell the piece locally so that it stays in the community for which is was created.

The sculpture is made for Brampton, with support from the Brampton Community and it is a representation of its courageous and colourful people. He is confident that Brampton is home to businesses and private art collectors with the the capacity and interest in supporting the arts, and helping to provide valuable resources to youth and children.

Business owners can be reminded that Canadian art can be tax deductible. The CRA has established that taxpayers may claim a tax deduction for Canadian artwork for their place of business.

About Abiola Idowu:

Abiola has an long and impressive career as a professional artist that started in Nigeria almost 30 years ago. He later moved to the United States, where he quickly became known and celebrated in the Ohio art scene and beyond. Now he calls Brampton home, and he plans to stay to stay forever. He has lost track of the number of paintings he has created for art lovers worldwide. Since coming to Brampton in 2018 he has created more than 500 works! He has also created and co-created a large number of stunning public art installations. In March of this year he unveiled his most recent piece "Reading Girl" which is installed at the Springdale branch of the Brampton Library.

Abiola has a wealth of experience inspiring and leading youth and children in the arts. He often hears back from now adult students thanking him for helping them turn their life around. Abiola believes that it doesn't matter whether or not students pursue a career in the arts. "When young people tap into their own creative energy, they learn to create their own reality." he explains "This is the foundation for creating strong, healthy adults that help that can create strong, healthy communities."

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