



# ABIOLA IDOWU

visual artist  
sculptor - painter



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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Full time sculpture artist, painter, and teacher Shéré Arts & Creative Exploration Centre**  
Brampton ON - February - August 2020

**Full time sculpture artist, Alan Cottril Studio & Gallery**  
Zanesville, OH - August 2016 - June 2018

**Full time studio artist, Gavin Bruce Art Studio**  
Columbus, OH - November 2015 - August 2016

**Founder and Director - Abiola Idowu Art Foundation**  
Abuja, Nigeria, 2011

**Full-time Artist and Art Tutor – Abiola Idowu Art Studio**  
Abuja/Ibadan, Nigeria, 2003-2015

## OTHER EMPLOYMENT

**Foundry Operator, Designed Precision (DP) Casting Inc.**  
Brampton, ON - June 2021 - Present

**Grinder Operator, Nexcycle**  
Brampton, ON - February 2019 - June 2021

## EDUCATION

**Master of Arts Degree - University of Lagos Akoka Yaba**  
Lagos, Nigeria - 2007

**Bachelor of Arts Degree - Ahmadu Bello University**  
Zaira, Nigeria - 2002

## SPECIAL SKILLS

- Painting on canvas, wood and other materials
- Sculpting wood, iron, Styrofoam and plastic from scratch
- Carving, casting, modeling, forging, woodworking
- Bronze sculpturing, Iron welding and metal fabrication.
- Accuracy in measuring techniques
- Digital and mixed media
- Teaching painting and sculpture theory and practice.



## EXHIBITIONS

### **Okunrin Meta, Faie African Art in Bronzeville**

Chicago, IL - October 2021

### **Frugal Fresh Group Show, Shéré Art Gallery**

Brampton, ON - April 2020

### **Between Lines (solo), Shéré Art Gallery**

Brampton, ON - March 2020

### **Mystery of Genesis (solo), Faie African Art**

Chicago, IL - April 2019

### **Phenomenal (solo), The Freedom Factory**

Toronto, ON - March 2019

### **Togetherness (solo), The Freedom Factory**

Toronto, ON - August 2018

### **Entwine, The Vandereli Room**

Columbus, OH - November 2017

### **Okunrin Meta, Faie African Art in Bronzeville**

Chicago, IL - October 2021

### **Common Ground, John Christopher Studio**

Columbus, OH - May 2017

### **Celebrating Women, Global Gallery**

Columbus, OH - September 2015

### **United Nation's 70th Anniversary Commemorative Exhibition**

New York, NY - November 2015

### **Exhibition, Italian Culture Centre**

Nairobi, Kenya - May 2014

### **Exhibition/Auction, Arthouse Contemporary**

Lagos, Nigeria - May 2014

### **Residency/Exhibitions**

Nairobi, Kenya - April 2014

### **Exhibition, The Orient Hotel**

Johannesburg, South Africa - 2013/14

### **Society of Nigerian Artists, Silverbird Galleria**

Lagos, Nigeria - 2012

### **New York Art in the USA (Nigeria at 50)**

New Jersey - 2011

### **FIFA World Cup Exhibition**

Johannesburg, South Africa - June 2010

### **Vision of Nigeria, Exhibition**

Nigeria - 2011

### **African Regional Exhibition and Summit on Visual Arts**

Abuja, Nigeria - 2009

## AWARDS

### **Black Festival, Bronze Medalist**

Lagos, Nigeria - 2010

### **Winner of the Nigeria-Italy Art of Friendship**

A collaborative between the National Gallery of Art, Nigeria and the Italian Embassy in Italy  
Abuja, Nigeria - 2009

### **Third Place - Nigeria Egypt Art Competition**

Abuja, Nigeria - 2009

### **Winner - National Sculpture Society Educational Scholarship**

New York, NY - 2002