



# ABIOLA IDOWU

**Multi-disciplinary artist, story teller, community art activist, cultural collaborator.**

*Special skills: painting, sculpting, welding, metal fabrication, carving, wood burning, wood working, forging, digital art, sketching, modelling, cold casting, hot casting, murals.*

## ACADEMIC

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

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

## RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Full time painter and sculptor - Abiola Idowu Studio/Gallery**  
Brampton, ON - February 2020 - Current

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

**Full time sculpture 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

## AWARDS

**Art Acclaim Award,**  
City of Brampton, 2022

**Black Festival, Bronze Medalist**  
Lagos, Nigeria - 2010

**Winner of the Nigeria-Italy Art of Friendship**  
Abuja, Nigeria - 2009

**Third Place - Nigeria Egypt Art Competition**  
Abuja, Nigeria - 2009

**Winner - National Sculpture Society Educational Scholarship**  
New York, NY - 2002



## SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

### **Excavation, Abiola Idowu Studio & Gallery**

Brampton, ON - June 2022

### **Colourology, Malcom's Choice/Rodney Asikhia Gallery**

Brampton, ON/NY NY December 2021/March 200

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

Chicago, IL - October 2021

### **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

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

Toronto, ON - August 2018

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

Columbus, OH - November 2017

### **Solo Exhibition, 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

