# ABIOLA IDOWU Multi-disciplinary artist, story teller, community colourer, teacher Special skills: painting, sculpting, welding, metal fabrication, carving, wood burning, wood working, forging, digital art, sketching, modelling, cold casting, hot casting, murals.









# **EDUCATION**

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

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

# PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Full time sculpture artist, teacher 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 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

### **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



## **EXHIBITIONS**

Colourology, Rodney Asikhia Gallery New York, NY March 2022

Colourology, Malcom's Choice Brampton, ON December 2021

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

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