

Oscar Korbla Mawuli Awuku

Multi – Disciplinary Artist

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Skills: Photography, Digital Painting, Canvas Painting, Creative Director

Oscar korbla Mawuli Awuku, also known as Yonga Arts, is an Accra-based multidisciplinary Ghanaian artist born on May 18th, 1998.

After receiving his elementary school education at Senajoy Preparatory School in Accra, he studied Visual Arts at Mawuli School in the Volta region.

Currently he is reading Commercial Art (Studio Practice Painting Option) at Takoradi Technical University.

ARTIST STATEMENT

His body of work is a celebration of his own lived experiences as well as those in the communities in which he finds himself. His works involves vivid colours to break free from the traditional way of painting only on canvas. He explore pre-colonial culture as well as decolonized practices in contemporary culture, the essence of black identity and questions of empowerment in society. His body of work, which he calls Anansinisim, takes advantage of the intricate design of spider webs, their complexity, and their embolizing effect.

Through fusing visual design networks in a syncopated manner, and infusing Adinkra symbology from Ghanaian history, he create both original and traditional designs that are painted onto the body. He uses the ritual mask as a representation of identity as well as designs on the body to re-echo the collective knowledge and wisdom of his ancestors, which are gradually losing their vigor among contemporary audiences.

EDUCATION

Bachelors at Takoradi Technical University

Major: Studio Practice

Minor: Commercial Art

EXPERIENCE

2018 Worked with Becca featuring Sarkodie on a song titled Nana

2019 Worked with Club Ghana for their bottle lunch

2019 Worked with Bisa Kdei for his annual BisaFest advertisement campaign

2021 Worked with R2Bees featuring Sarkodie on a song titled Yawa

2020 Worked on an advertisement campaign for First National Bank in 2020

2021 Collaborated with Darko Vibes Featuring Davido on a song titled Je Mappelle

2021 Directed a short film featuring Moesha Buduong titled Kplorla for my YouTube channel in 2021

EXHIBITIONS

Melrose Gallery Johannesburg And Cape Town <https://themelrosegallery.com/artists/216-oscar-korbla-mawuli-awuku/works/>

PUBLICATIONS

2020 GhanaWeb

<https://mobile.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/entertainment/Ghana-Arts-and-Culture-Awards-MawuliAwuku-earns-nomination-1076953>

2021 YEN Ghana

<https://yen.com.gh/171075-meet-oscar-awuku-the-young-ghanaian-artist-making-waves-ghana-inspiration-spiders-adinkra-symbols.html>

2021 News Today Ghana

<https://newstodaygh.com/my-art-works-are-influence-by-the-ashanti-culture-oscar-of-takoradi-technical-university/>

2021 The African Mirror <https://theafricanmirror.africa/tag/mawuli-awuku/>

2021 My Joy Online Ghana

<https://www.myjoyonline.com/beyond-the-return-customer-service-business-friendly-reforms-a-knack-for-arts-to-test-ghanas-10-year-diaspora-programme/>

2022 BelleNaija Nigeria <https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.bellanaija.com/2021/11/mawuli-awuku-yonga-arts/amp/>

2022 The Ghanaian Spectator Front Cover <https://www.thespectatoronline.com/body-painting-the-sensual-works-of-yonga-the-oscar-awuku-way/>