



AMASAKA GALLERY

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"I AM," SOLO EXHIBITION BY MAKANO

Amasaka Gallery proudly presents "I AM," a solo exhibition by MAKANO, a Congolese refugee artist living and working in Kampala, Uganda.

MAKANO is influenced by his native country, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), a nation marked by conflict. The DRC has endured decades of political instability and armed conflicts, resulting in the demise of countless individuals, including MAKANO's parents, whom he tragically lost in 2018. His work is a testament to the human spirit's capacity to find meaning and voice amid chaos. MAKANO's art serves as a therapeutic outlet, a poignant reflection of his internal struggles, and a response to the ceaseless dialogue of society. He channels tumultuous thought processes into superimposed pieces of abstract poetry that sometimes contract into the form of a manic third-eye alter ego, grinning the artist's name "MAKANO." The exhibition offers a unique glimpse into his artistic vision and experiences.

MAKANO is a self-taught artist who embarked on his artistic journey in 2018 after fleeing conflict in Congo and seeking refuge in Uganda following the tragic loss of his parents. He found solace and inspiration in his art, using it as a medium to express his emotions, struggles, and hopes for a better future. Art is his therapeutic outlet, a poignant reflection of his internal struggles, and a response to the ceaseless dialogue of society. He channels tumultuous thought processes into superimposed pieces of abstract poetry. The exhibition offers a unique glimpse into his artistic vision and experiences, showcasing his profound talent and storytelling.

"I AM" is a vibrant declaration of existence, an assertion of self in a world fraught with turmoil. Through his art, MAKANO declares, "I'm MAKANO. I am here. I am part of this dialogue. I've got opinions. I am not always right. I am not always on time. My thoughts are unapologetic; I don't always say things in the so-called 'proper way,' but my intentions are always pure." This exhibition is a celebration of the human journey toward healing, empowerment, and self-realization. "I AM" invites viewers to witness MAKANO's transformation and reflect on their own place within the grand scheme of the human experience. It is a call to recognize the strength within oneself, participate in societal dialogue, and affirm with conviction, "I AM."

The exhibition is free and open to the public Tuesday to Sunday from 9 am to 6 pm.

Please email us at info@amasakagallery.com to request the exhibition catalogue.

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