

# COLOURS

exhibition



Paintings by **Salum Kambi**  
Tanzania

**Kulturkirken Jakob**  
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*Kulturkirken Jakob has the honor of being the first place to present a solo exhibition of Salum Kabi's art in Europe. Along with our work in order to present East African music on CDs, we are happy also to be able to present an important representative of Tanzanian visual art.*

*Curator of the exhibition is Rachel Kessi, Mawazo Gallery, Dar es Saalam, Tanzania*

*The exhibition is supported by the Norwegian Embassy in Dar es Saalam, Tanzania.*

*Erik Hillestad, Berit Hunnestad, November 2010*

## About Salum Kambi 'Colours'

Most of my art is about colour. Colour can depict people, landscapes, animals, shows, feelings.....anything I want to express has a colour.

I first started to draw in primary school because of an argument I had with my friend Gibson. We exchanged nasty caricatures of each other and fought with pen and paper for many years. By the end of primary school we were voted the best artists of the school.

I started taking part in art competitions in secondary school. I received my first award for a drawing I did on chimpanzees in the Gombe Forest near Kigoma and I was congratulated by the former President Julius Nyerere. After secondary school I joined a group of sign artists for six months and then moved onto work with cartoonists.

I have received no formal art training. During primary and secondary I never had an art class or art teacher. I have always developed my skills by working with fellow Tanzanian

artists and attending many workshops in Dar es Salaam. The famous Tanzanian artist Raza Mohamed became my mentor. He and his son taught me a lot about art and painting. I have also been inspired by other well-established Tanzanian artists like Professor Jengo and Doreen Mandawa.

After a lot of hard work, I felt that my work started to gain recognition in 2004. I had my first exhibition at Mawazo gallery. From here, one of my paintings was chosen for our President's State House reception building. I became the first Tanzanian to be selected for annual African Art festival of Rome and . Since this year, I have had many more exhibitions and I have been fortunate to travel to Italy and the USA with my artworks.

Today, at the age of 40, I continue to work from my home studio in Mwenge, Dar es Salaam. I support my wife and daughter through my art and I hope to take my paintings to many more countries around the globe.

## Exhibitions

- 1995 Group exhibition, Africa Sana, Dar es Salaam
- 1998 Group exhibition, Gallery Watatu, Nairobi
- 2000 Group exhibition, Alliance française, Dar es Salaam
- 2001 Group exhibition, Artpurha, Finland
- 2003 Group exhibition, USA embassy, Dar es Salaam
- 2004 Group exhibition, Mawazo gallery, Dar es Salaam
- 2004 Group exhibition, African Art Festival, Rome
- 2004 Solo exhibition, Shabar, Perugia
- 2005 Group exhibition, La Petite gallery, Dar es Salaam
- 2006 Solo exhibition, Mawazo gallery, Dar es Salaam
- 2007 Group exhibition, East African Art Biennale, Dar es Salaam
- 2008 Solo exhibition, Mawazo gallery, Dar es Salaam.
- 2008 Solo exhibition, U space gallery, Atlanta, USA
- 2010 Solo exhibition, Makutano house, Dar es Salaam

## Reviews

- Sunday News –column/feature-2004
- The Citizen, Dar es Salaam 2005
- The Daily News, Dar es Salaam 2007
- Mwananchi, Dar es Salaam 2010

This present collection was first exhibited in Dar es Salaam in September 2010. The exhibition was organized by Mawazo Contemporary Art Centre and sponsored by Makutano House, the Centre for Tanzanian Art.



Fishermen 60 x 60 cm

People and Coconut Trees 60 x 60 cm

Village 60 x 60 cm

Roosters 60 x 60 cm

Bicycle 60 x 60 cm

Woman 60 x 60 cm



Ostrich 60 x 60 cm



Flag 71 x 56 cm



Human Figure 100 x 80 cm

Sea Transport 80 x 60 cm



Window 79 x 100 cm



Birds 100 x 70 cm

Mask 70 x 100 cm

Houses in Ruins 70 x 80 cm

Animals 90 x 70 cm

Rhino 70 x 90 cm



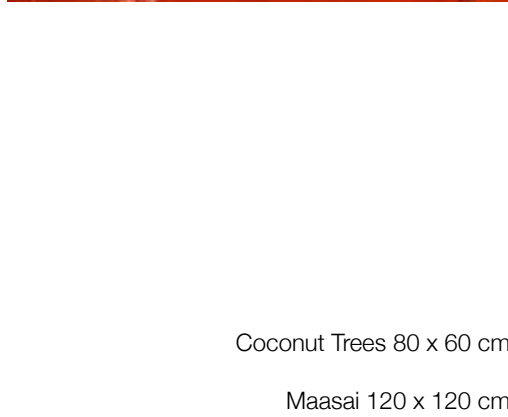
Mask 80 x 79 cm



Bull's Head 80 x 78 cm



Coconut Trees 80 x 60 cm



Maasai 120 x 120 cm



Untitled 120 x 120 cm



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