

Curriculum Vitae MEKOUTI

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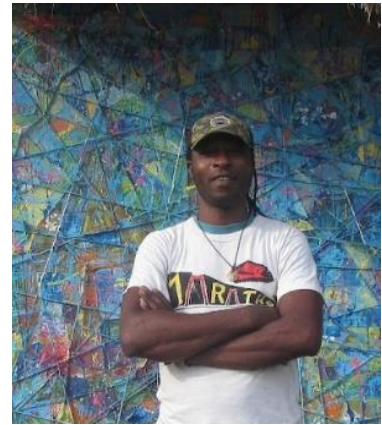
Marital status: customary marriage, 3 children (9, 7 & 1 year)

Website: [Galerie d'ArtAfroBantu](#)

Facebook: [Galerie d'ArtAfroBantu Mekouti](#)

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YouTube: [@galerieartafrobandu-Mekouti](#)



SUMMARY : Under the artistic name of Mekouti, this talented and resourceful artist, painter and designer has established a gallery and mentored dozens of young artists over the past 16 years, gathered today at the Art Village AfroBantu, Mt Fébé, Yaoundé. His abstract, artistic style celebrates African Afrobantu traditions and is characterized by natural materials and vibrant colours. Mekouti has created over 100 works of art, shown in a catalogue of the last five years on the website. Mekouti has been teaching these art and traditions to younger generation for over 10 years, making installations and exhibiting them in the gallery, which is welcomed by traditional authorities who are moved to be communicate such visual knowledge to younger generations.

- Registered as *artist painter* by the Mayor of Yaoundé since 2007 and as *artist painter* with the *Pole Plastic Arts - Ministry of Arts & Culture* since 2022
- *Founder and elected President of Fébé Arts Village, Yaoundé* since 2020
- *President and founder Association Art AfroBantu* since 2022 (N° Association 00000890/RDA/J06/A2/SAAJP/BAPP 22 June 2922 MINAC)

SCHOOLING: Primary level schooling, self taught artist.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Creator and owner of the Afro Bantu Art Gallery since 2007: Creating and exhibiting artistic works, collecting and purchasing works from numerous Central African artists.
- Artist (plastic arts, painting, sculptures, installations)
- Manages and leads teams of interior and exterior decoration, across Cameroon.
- Art lessons for children and adults
- Cultural hikes and artistic guide, Yaoundé since 2012
- Certificate of practical training in paint and plaster products, Semin SAS Cameroun 19-24 February 2024



PROJECTS, EXHIBITIONS & COMPETITIONS

- Artistic partner in the [Transformative Change for Biodiversity & Equity](#) project 2022-2026 financed by the European Union Horizon 2020 program with University of Wageningen, IRD, CIRAD and University of Dschang – co creating art and exhibiting in Yaounde, Lomie and the Victoria Artworks Studio, Stroud, UK
- Exhibition « *Monde Masque* », Musée Ethnographique de la Peuple de la Forêt, Association Art AfroBantu Yaoundé, 6-8 Décembre 2024
- Exhibition « *Nouvelle Traditions* » Galerie d'Art AfroBantu, Association Art AfroBantu, Yaoundé, 13-15 Juin 2024
- Exhibition « *Splendid women* » Women's Day, Chez Suzy, Yaoundé, 8 March 2024
- Exhibition « *Kongoss-Art* » Kongoss _Art Africréa, Yaoundé, 20-30 January 2024
- Association ArtAfroBantu 1st Art Competition for children, December 2023
- Proposition Daring Art- Inclusion, diversity and decolonisation for University of Wageningen, November 2023
- Exhibition « *Roots* » Au Comptoir des Arts, Yaoundé, 17-26 November 2023, Association Art AfroBantu
- Exhibition « *Abondance!* » National Museum, Yaoundé, 5-17 January 2023, Association Art AfroBantu supported by the Ministry of Arts and Culture
- Exhibition « *Under the Tree* » 5eme Edition, Nouvelle Route Bastos, Yaoundé, 2- 17 February 2023
- Certificate of artistic achievement, Luxembourg Art Prize 2022
- Exhibition « *Célèbre* » l'Art PlayCe Carrefour, Yaoundé, 27 Octobre - 6 November 2022
- Proposal with Camer'Arts Des Ailes pour Demain « Help me Fly » for primary school children at Tchinga Olinga School to access art and culture, January 2022
- Exhibiter, US Embassy Art Exhibitions, Bastos, Yaoundé, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015
- Exhibiter, Pole Arts Plastiques exhibitions, National Museum, Yaoundé 2021, 2020 & 2018
- Exhibiter, Club AMT art exhibitions, Yaoundé 2017, 2018, 2019 & 2020
- Interior & exterior decoration with StarTimes Enterprise at for Cameroon Radio & Television stations in Douala, Kribi, Ebolowa, Limbe, Buea and Bertoua 2016-2018.

COMPETENCES : Design and creation of works of art | Exhibition curation | Selling artworks | Interior and exterior artistic design | Hiking guide| Teaching art and drawing

LANGUAGES: French: Excellent | Ewondo: Excellent | English: Reasonable

LEISURE : Art, travel, hiking in nature, family, running

