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EDUCATION AND TRAINING

2024 First Aid and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Certificate (Standard First Aid CPR / AED), Ottawa, Canada

2023 Bachelor's in visual art (Magna Cum Laude). University of Ottawa, Canada.

2007 Diploma in Fine Arts. Academy of Fine Arts, Kinshasa, DRC.

2003 Secondary Diploma: Collège Saint-Alphonse, Kinshasa, DRC

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2026 *Sankofa* : University McGill, Montreal QC, Canada

2026 *Racine* : Mosaïque Interculturelle. Sudbery, Canada

2025 *Hold True*: Additions to the City of Ottawa Art Collection. City Hall Art Gallery,

2025,2023, 2022 *Give to get Art Auction*: Ottawa Art Gallery, Canada.

2025 *Racine*: Mosaïque Interculturelle. Ottawa, Canada

2025 *Crépu our DNA Extended*: University of Carlton Art gallery. Ottawa, Canada

2025 *A Transit Through Time*: Union Station. Toronto, Canada

2024 *Sharing our Stories; Sharing our Lives*: Arbor Gallery. Vankleek hill ON, Canada

2023 *Mémoire Végétale* : Maison de la Culture Claude-Léveillé. Montreal QC, Canada

2023 *Mapping Reality*: Culturally Arts Collective. New Braufels, TX. USA

2023 *Fresh Painting and New Construction*: Art Mûr Gallery. Montréal QC, Canada.

2022 *Broken Mirrors*: Culturally Arts Collective. New Braufels, TX. USA

2022 *Oppositions*: The Holy Art Gallery. Londres, UK. 2022 How I love You: Ottawa Art Gallery –Annex. Canada

2022, 2021. *Art + summer showcase*: Coalition d'Artistes Muticulturels. Ottawa, Canada.

2021 *Ottawa premiere*: Raw Artists Canada. Nepean ON, Canada.

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2021 *Art + Parcel*: Ottawa Art Gallery –Annex. Ottawa, Canada

2019 *Exposition de Noël* : Centre La Fab. Chelsea Québec, Canada

2028 *Colourful Energy*: Artusiasm Arts Gallery, Toronto, Canada

2018, 2017 *Juried Art Show*: PineRidge Arts Council, Ajax ON, Canada

SELECTED ART FAIRS

2026 **Toronto outdoor Art Fair**: Nathan Phillips Square. Toronto, Canada

2025 **Black Art Fair**: Nia Centre for The Arts. Toronto, Canada

2025 **Toronto outdoor Art Fair**: Online

2024. **Black Art Fair**: Nia Centre for The Arts. Toronto, Canada

SELECTED BIENNALE

2023 **Af-flux Biennale Black Transnationale**. Montréal QC. Canada

SELECTED ARTIST IN RESIDENCIES

2023 Beaverbrook Arts Gallery. New Brunswick, Canada

PAINTING PERFORMANCES

2026. **Faas**: Nouvel Ontario Art gallery, Sudbury ON, Canada.

2022, 2021. **Art Mobile**: Festival Montréal en Arts, Montréal QC, Canada.

2021. **Festival Inspired by Mandela**. AfroMusée. Montréal QC, Canada.

PRIZES, GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2026 **French Project**. Ontario Arts Council, Canada

2026 **Chalmers Professional Development Projects**, Ontario Arts Council, Canada

2025 **Congo Excellence Prize**: Arts category, validated by The House of Common Parliament of Canada. Ottawa, Canada.

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2025 **Exhibitions Assistance.** Ontario Arts Council, Canada.

2025 **Excellence Prize:** Futur Makers. University of Ottawa, Canada.

2024 **Laura Ciruls Prize-Painting.** Ontario Arts Fondation. Toronto Canada.

2024 **Research and Creation Grant:** Mid-career Artist. Ontario Arts council. Toronto Canada.

2024 **Research and Creation Grant:** Mid-career Artist. Ottawa Arts Council. Canada.

2023 **Seed Prize:** Equity and inclusion in Arts. City of Ottawa, Canada.

2023 **Dean's list for body of works:** Faculty of Arts. University of Ottawa, Canada

2023 **First Prize Ex aequo:** Edmund and Isobel Ryan: Visual Arts Painting. University of Ottawa, Canada

2022. **Art Merit:** Gaston Héon Memorial in Arts Fund. University of Ottawa, Canada

2022. **Research and Creation Grant:** Mid-career Artist. Ottawa Arts Council. Canada.

PURCHASED TO COLLECTIONS

2025. Public Collection: Public Arts Program. City of Ottawa, Canada.

2025. Private Collection: Ottawa, Canada

2024 Private Collection: Toronto, Canada

2024 Private Collection: University of Toronto, Canada

2023 Private Collection: Ottawa, Canada.

2021 Private Collection: Maron'Age Gallery. Lyon, France

2021 Private Collection: Ancona, Italy

2021 Public Collection: Maison de la Francophonie of Ottawa.

2017 Private Collection: Ajax, ON, Canada.

2010 Private Collection: Werner Horvath's Collection, Australia.

PUBLICATIONS DE PRESSE ET INTERVIEWS

2025 Now Toronto: Interview in published article about the Black Art Fair 2025

2025, 2024 Publication: Multi Faith Calendar. Multi Faith Action, Vancouver, Canada.

2025. Radio Interview in Pas comme d'habitude. CBC, Toronto

2025 Radio Interview : Y a pas deux matins pareils. CBC, Toronto, Canada.

2025. Radio Interview : Dans la mosaïque. CBC, Toronto, Canada.

2025 TV Interview: City News. Toronto, Canada.

2024. Radio Interview: Fresh Air with Ismaila Alfa. CBC Listen, Toronto, Canada.

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2024 Radio Interview: Michel Picard, Place 94,5. Unique FM, Ottawa, Canada.

2024 Interview Documentary film : Les Couleurs de Ma Ville. Fibe TV 1, Canada 2024

2023 Publication: Modern Renaissance Magazine, issue 19. P. 99-100 Culturally Arts Collective, New Braufels, TX. USA

2023 Interview online article written by Chakkouche : Ces Franco-Ontariens sur lesquels il faut garder un œil en 2023. ONFR_TFO, Toronto, Canada.

2023 Interview online article written by Emmanuelle Gauvreau: Artists questioning the place of AI in visual arts. ON_FR-TFO Toronto.

2023 TV Interview: Daily Show. Rogers TV, Ottawa, Canada.

2023, 2022, 2021 TV Interview: Entre-Nous. Rogers TV, Ottawa, Canada.

OTHER EXPERIENCES

2026 Animator painting workshop : Vision'Art, Centre of Artistic Excellence of Ontario

2025 Assessor: Visual Artists Creation Projects program- Midcareer and establish artists. Ontario Arts Council, Canada.

2023. Animator painting workshop: Mosaique Interculturelle, Ottawa.

2025 Assessor: Equity and Inclusion in Arts Fund. City of Ottawa, Canada.

2023-2024. Animator, Group 310: Lower Town Community Centre. Ottawa, Canada

2023-2024 Artistic Research: Africa Museum, Tervuren, Belgique.

2023 Assessor: Visual Artists French program: Ontario Arts Council. Toronto, Canada.

2022 Instructor Assistant in internship: Ottawa School of Arts. Canada

2020 Art Instructor: Sheltoons Animation Ottawa. Canada