



Hypocrite I, 2015, Acrylic on Canvas, 150cm x 120cm

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: ADDIS FINE ART PRESENTS EMANUEL TEGENE AT THE 2016 ARMORY FOCUS 3 – 6 March 2016

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia – December 28, 2015 - Addis Fine Art announces its participation in the 2016 Armory Focus in New York with the presentation of works by Ethiopian artist **Emanuel Tegene**.

Armory Focus, now in its 7th edition, is an invitation-only fair that spotlights the artistic landscape of a different region each year. This year's Focus surveys contemporary artistic production from African viewpoints. **Focus: African Perspectives** is curated by Julia Grosse and Yvette Mutumba, founders of *Contemporary And*, an online platform for international art from African perspectives.

Addis Fine Art will be the **first Ethiopian gallery** to exhibit at this renowned event, and will debut their presence with the works of painter **Emanuel Tegene** (b.1985, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia). Tegene is regarded as an emerging talent in Ethiopia. He started his career as a cartoonist at *Saloon Ethiopia* and has also worked as an illustrator. Tegene's practice explores the changing cultural dynamics of Ethiopian society, which are deeply rooted in his own personal encounters.

Tegene's debut exhibition was the *Art of Memory* (2012), at the Italian Cultural Institute, Addis Ababa. He has also been featured in group exhibitions at the Ethiopian National Gallery (2012), the African Union Golden Jubilee (2013), the Institute of Ethiopian Studies Museum (2013) and Addis Fine Art Gallery (2016). Recent solo exhibitions include *Art and Social Commentary: Here and There*, Tobya Art Gallery, Seattle (2015), the Galani Gallery, Addis Ababa (2014) and *Angels & Demons*, Alliance Ethio-Française, Addis Ababa (2014).

The Armory Show 2016 Dates

March 3-6, 2016

Piers 92 & 94

12th Avenue at 55th Street

New York City

www.thearmoryshow.com

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Notes for Editors

Addis Fine Art represents emerging and established international artists, with particular focus on modern and contemporary art from Ethiopia and its diaspora. Since its inception in 2013, Addis Fine Art has provided curatorial and advisory services related to Ethiopian modern and contemporary art to international galleries and private collectors.

Addis Fine Art now opens a new gallery space in the heart of Addis Ababa, to launch an innovative programme of exhibitions, talks and events, showcasing a diverse set of modern and contemporary artists from Ethiopia and the diaspora. By simultaneously engaging with Ethiopian artists and the global art market, Addis Fine Art strives to promote Ethiopian art on a global stage.

Visitor information

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Gallery Hours

Tuesday - Thursday 11am - 6pm

Friday - Saturday 10am - 7pm

Admission: Free

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Founders

MESAI HAILELEUL - With over 20 years of experience in dealing, curating and exhibiting Ethiopian art, Mesai has continuously aimed to create a presence for Ethiopian artists in international spaces. Based in Addis Ababa, Mesai is part of the rapid change happening in the Ethiopian capital and has invaluable insight into the evolving cultural climate of Ethiopia.

RAKEB SILE - With over 10 years experience in business consulting and project management, Rakeb brings a wealth of commercial experience to Addis Fine Art. As an indigene of Ethiopia and a collector of Ethiopian art, she is well versed with the context in which Ethiopian artists are cultural producers, transforming the mundane into nuanced and expressive works of art.

For more information or for selected artwork images, please contact Rakeb Sile at hello@addisfineart.com