

## **ADDIS CALLING III**

Addis Fine Art Gallery, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

29 January – 23 March



Yohannes Tesfaye, *Courage & Beauty #2*, 2018, mixed media on canvas, 122 x 92

Addis Fine Art is proud to present *Addis Calling III* a yearly recurrent group show featuring new works by a selection of exciting talents, Frew Kebede, Tizta Berhanu and Yohannes Tesfaye.

Yohannes Tesfaye (1978) focuses on two and three-dimensional paintings in acrylic, oil on canvas, wood, fiberglass and a variety of mixed media. His paintings reference African traditions and culture. Using contemporary materials and techniques, his current work examines the practice of ritual tribal scarification in a twenty-first century artistic and historical context.

Tizta Berhanu's (1991) main inspiration is human emotion in all its facets, portraying her subjects expressing love, hate, sadness, loneliness etc. Trying to capture the true emotion underneath the surface of their skins. Her paintings are often ambiguous, almost unrecognizable, painted with broad confident brush strokes in deep intense colours. Blues, purples and deep-sea greens, dominate the canvasses creating an almost uncomfortable atmosphere wherein the viewer comes voyeuristically close to the emotions of the portrayed.

Frew Kebede (1982) is a multidisciplinary artist working in a variety of mediums but his current focus is painting. As a musician, Jazz music plays an important part in his life and is one of his main inspirations. In his paintings, he is exploring the visual aspects of jazz music, transforming notes and rhythm into paint and brushstrokes creating colourful, vibrant canvasses, engaging the viewer into seeing things from different perspectives.

**Addis Fine Art**

Founded by Mesai Haileleul and Rakeb Sile, Addis Fine Art (AFA) is a gallery specialising in contemporary African art, with a particular focus on art from Ethiopia and its diaspora. In January 2016, AFA opened its main gallery space in the heart of Addis Ababa, launching an innovative programme of exhibitions, talks and events. In October 2016, AFA opened a project space in London, to provide an additional international platform for the gallery's artist and programme. Addis Fine Art is quickly becoming the leading gallery in the region, and continues to strengthen its cross-continental presence at prominent art-fairs, supporting its artists in exhibitions around the globe.

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Frew Kebede  
Shimutt, 2018  
Acrylic on canvas  
148 x 190 cm  
Courtesy of the Artist and Addis Fine Art



Frew Kebede  
The Shepherd is Alive, 2018  
Acrylic on canvas  
128 x 196 cm  
Courtesy of the Artist and Addis Fine Art



Tizta Berhanu  
Spectrum of Life 1, 2018  
Oil on canvas  
150 x 222 cm  
Courtesy of the Artist and Addis Fine Art



Tizta Berhanu  
Watching Over, 2018  
Oil on canvas  
120 x 120 cm  
Courtesy of the Artist and Addis Fine Art



Yohannes Tesfaye  
Courage and Beauty #2, 2018  
Mixed media on canvas  
122 x 92 cm  
Courtesy of the Artist and Addis Fine Art



Yohannes Tesfaye  
Mark Making #2, 2018  
Mixed media on canvas  
91 x 122 cm  
Courtesy of the Artist and Addis Fine Art