

Against Gravity: An exhibition by eight emerging Ethiopian photographers

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Center for Photography in Ethiopia announces the latest exhibition titled ‘Against Gravity’ which will run from 25 September to 24 October focusing on Identity, change and people, according to a press release. Eight emerging Ethiopian photographers, Abdi Bekele, Addis Aemero, Bemnet Fekadu, Brook Getachew, Firehiwot Gebrealu, Meseret Argaw, Obsa Zerihun and Solomon Nigus would show their photography works, the statement said.

“The exhibition is an output of a mentorship program led by [Michael Tsegaye](#), an established Ethiopian photographer based in Addis Ababa,” according to the press release. “Through the program, photographers were supported with an individual, group and peer to peer meetings in addition to the provision of critical reference materials. With the help of discussions, presentations, and critiques sessions, photographers explored the theme of identity, urban spaces, urban change, tradition and movement through different documentary and conceptual approaches

involving self portraits, street seen, interiors, cityscapes etc..”

Against Gravity showcases a collection of images presented through installations, video and frames discussing and questioning the past, the present and the future of the city and the country in general. This exhibition is an extension of a presentation by [Maheder Haileselassie](#), Abdi Bekele and Addis Aemero at [RAY](#) festival in Germany in May 2018, the statement reads.



A mentoring session led by Michael Tsegaye. Copyright CPE

Participating photographers

Abdi Bekele, 24, is a street and documentary photographer. His desire for connecting with people and honouring that experience through images led him to pursue photography.

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Addis Aemero, 25, is a photographer based in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. She has participated in CPE Workshop 1, CPE Workshop 2 & CPE

Workshop 4.

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Bemnet Fekadu, 25, has a degree in Architecture. He is an independent photographer based in Addis Ababa. Most of his works focus on landscape, street, and portrait photography.

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Brook Getachew, 27, is a graphic designer. His photography is informed by change and the discovery of threads that connect the personal with the universal.

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Frehiwot Gebrealu, 25, was born in Dessie, Ethiopia. She is currently chasing her dream of becoming a photographer.

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Meseret Argaw, 29, is a self-taught photographer whose work explores identity in contemporary Ethiopian culture.

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Obsa Zerihun, 22, is a photographer passionate about taking pictures and telling untold stories to inspire his people for change.

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Solomon Nigus, 26, is a photographer who was born in Jimma, Ethiopia. He was trained as mechanical engineer but currently works as a cinematographer.

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Opening Venue: 25 September, 6:30pm, Goethe Insitut Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Publication: A publication, Against Gravity, a catalogue and postcards in English and Amharic will be distributed.

CPE – [Center for Photography in Ethiopia](#): is a platform for training, discussion, collaboration and conversation for emerging Ethiopian photographers that was recently founded by Maheder Haileselassie, a photographer based in Addis Ababa.

Creative Futures: a two-year programme to support the creative industries in Ethiopia, jointly organized by British Council, Goethe-Institut and iceaddis, funded by the European Commission.

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