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Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery has announced 'I Belong Here', a solo exhibition by Ken Nwadiogbu. The exhibition, which will run from June 8 to July 13, will be staged at Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, Berlin, Germany.

Featuring 10 paintings and an installation, through the exhibition, the Nigerian artist layers his own memories and migration experience with that of his friends and family to explore how we inhabit and claim space.

"All of the paintings take their departing point from photographs Nwadiogbu took of his family and friends in their homes in Lagos. These characters are the protagonists of both Nwadiogbu's compositions and the spaces they inhabit - they welcome us into their homes, eye us with suspicion or, as in 'The Traveler', gaze past us and longingly into the distance.

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"The figure in 'The Traveler' is the only person depicted who is unknown personally to Nwadiogbu although he has encountered him many times over the years, standing amid crowds of people outside the passport office to apply for a visa to Europe.

"In this work, Nwadiogbu imagines the figure to have finally made his way out of the queue and about to embark on to the next stage of his journey while the wire fence, shadowy figures and building looming behind him represent the struggles that he has faced and the ways in which freedom of movement continues to be curtailed," a statement from the exhibition reads.

It further states that weaving together personal memories and emotional experiences with stories drawn from Nwadiogbu's surrounding community, 'I Belong Here' offers a portrait not just of contemporary migration, but of strength and togetherness.

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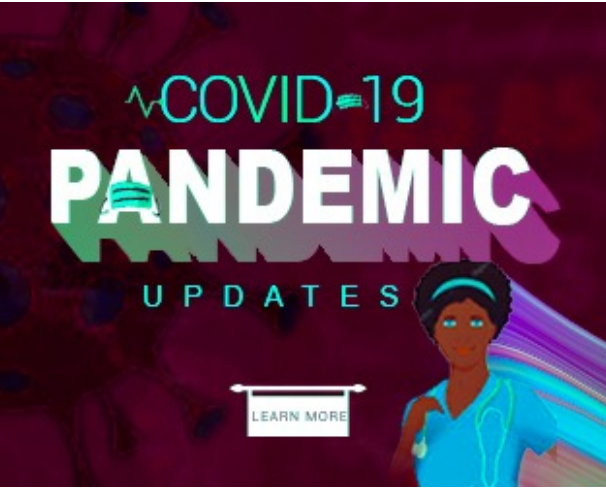
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