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Yellow is the new black



We’re excited to announce ‘Yellow is the New Black’, a solo exhibition by Nigerian-born, London-based **artist Ken Nwadiogbu**, showing at Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery from 13 August to 6 September 2025, Private view on 12 August, 6–8PM.

This new body of work explores themes of migration, presence, and identity, reimagined through the colour yellow – the brightest color within the visible spectrum and the most easily noticed by the human eye. Using oil and acrylic on Akwete handwoven fabric from Abia State, Nigeria, Ken creates emotionally charged works that celebrate Black experience in transcendent, everyday moments.

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A woman pushes her palms into a door frame, readying herself to step through. Around her, the space explodes with colour. Only she and the door are fixed within a bright yellow hue. The door is a portal; we can’t know what happens next. Yellow is the New Black, Ken Nwadiogbu’s solo exhibition at Kristin Hjellegjerde, Tower Bridge, finds moments of transcendent beauty in everyday experiences of the Black community. The title is a playful reference to the central colour that runs throughout the show, as well as the vibrancy of Black experience that Nwadiogbu is recreating – yellow being the brightest visible colour the eye can perceive.

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Nwadiogbu works from photographs that he has taken of his friends, family and other members of the Black immigrant community. Rather than simply recreating the photographic image, however, Nwadiogbu zooms in on specific details or moments that are emotionally charged. He begins by pouring paint onto the canvas, responding to the movement and emotion of colour, his psychological state and the rhythm of the music that he plays in the studio, before painting the figure and fragments of contextual information on top of this textured surface in heightened detail. The result is a series of haunting scenes that sit somewhere between stillness and movement, reality and dream.

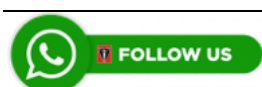


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