

Tewodros Hagos: The Perilous Journey

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Tewodros Hagos is a well-known artist with an incredibly impressive career. The Addis-born artist is considered to be one of the most promising artists of his generation.

Tewodros Hagos was born in Ethiopia's capital, Addis Ababa in 1974. He went on to graduate from Addis Ababa University School of Fine Art in 1995, with a bachelor's degree in fine arts and design. Tewodros would then leave for Belgium three years later, where he would live and work for over ten years.

Kristin Hjellegjerde's art gallery in London hosted Tewodros' solo exhibition titled *The Desperate Journey*. The exhibition was inspired by the ongoing humanitarian issue of the migrant crisis.

He draws from the immense trauma, humanity and large-scale indifference to the tragedies to fuel his art – displaying the individuals affected by the crisis on a raw and personal level.

“Throughout the last decade, the whole world has witnessed the news and stories of migration atrocities on nearly a day-to-day basis, but as we are bombarded with imagery, it risks becoming normalised when, in fact, it remains one of the worst humanitarian crises of our time” states the artist, Tewodros goes on to posit the question:

“How long will we watch this human tragedy?”



Spectator No Longer...

Tewodros Hagos uses his traditional medium of painting to expose our indifference and challenge us to look deeply into the faces of individuals affected by a humanitarian crisis – no longer passive spectators, he challenges us to act.

Recognition and Awards

For his astounding and illuminating work, Tewodros has received his fair share of recognition.

The Culture and Communication Minister of France awarded Hagos the *Chevalier of France's Order of Arts and Letters* in 2017. Many of Hagos' pieces can be found in private collections the world over.

Due to Hagos' distinct style, he has been commissioned for solo exhibits worldwide: Addis Ababa, Belgium, Germany, Italy, The Netherlands and The United States.

Want to have your say on this topic? We have a group set up to discuss Habesha artists here on Eri2Eri!

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Dagmawit Ameha is an Addis-based singer, experimental producer and visual artist – she creates beautiful melodies that are sure to leave you entranced.

“The Ethiopian community is such a valued part of our city, and our Ethiopian neighbors have played a critical role in building the diverse, inclusive,...