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PREVIEW

# **Et) Et) / ENTANGLE**

**DATE: JAN 17TH - FEB 22ND 2014**  
**VENUE: RO2 ART GALLERY DALLAS**

# ARTIST'S STATEMENT

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My works focus on moments. Time, present in seconds and minutes, can only be preserved through documentation, as memory is fleeting and easily forgotten or transformed. My work is often marked by an exploration of rural versus urban life, namely the accelerated pace of development and social infrastructure. I produce works which explore the personal and the universal, which investigate the invisible systems of power that govern everyday existence and which instigate debate among viewers without conventional ink on paper. My works address social issues.

I work with a multitude of techniques and materials. The result of which may be mixed media painting, sculpture, installation, video, photography, sound or performance. Found objects that relate to a particular society or community are central in my work. They may be woven, sewn, glued, welded, nailed, collaged, cast or carved. They may be mounted on canvas as 2D mixed media painting or used as sculptural 3D work. My works invoke touch and tempt viewers to forget how to move their feet.

I am always trying new things, experimenting and challenging myself with new techniques, ideas and materials to interact with people.

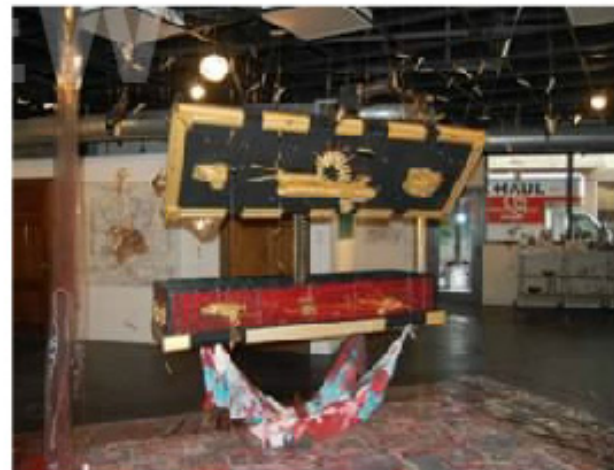
I have dedicated my life as an interdisciplinary artist to easing pain and providing comfort, peace and solace. I believe art can be a balm to the soul, revealing an often quiet inner truth. My art is about the joys in life and is directly inspired by rhythm, harmony and repetition of movements.

ORA AKIRASH



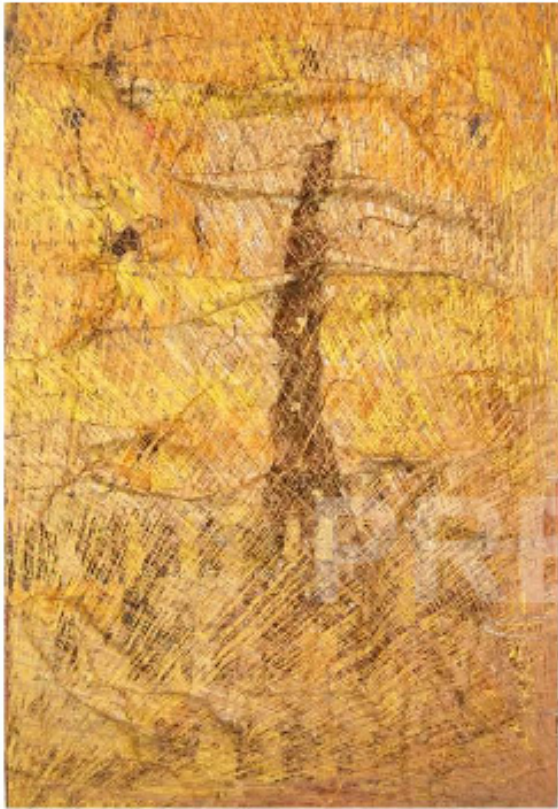


GBAJU GBAJA / CELEBRITY INSTALLATION

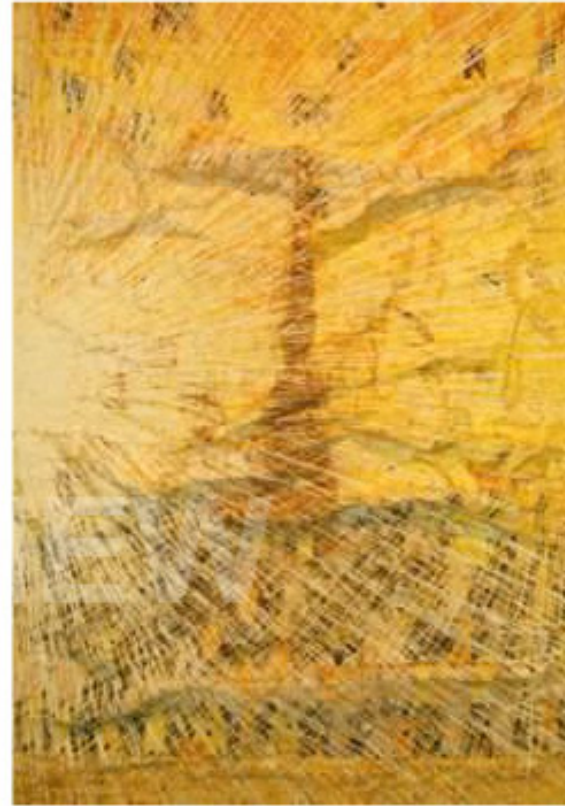








**ALL WHO WANDER, MIXED MEDIA  
TAPESTRY PAINTING, 40X60 INCHES, 2013**



**ALL THAT GLITTERS, MIXED MEDIA  
TAPESTRY PAINTING, 40X60 INCHES, 2013**



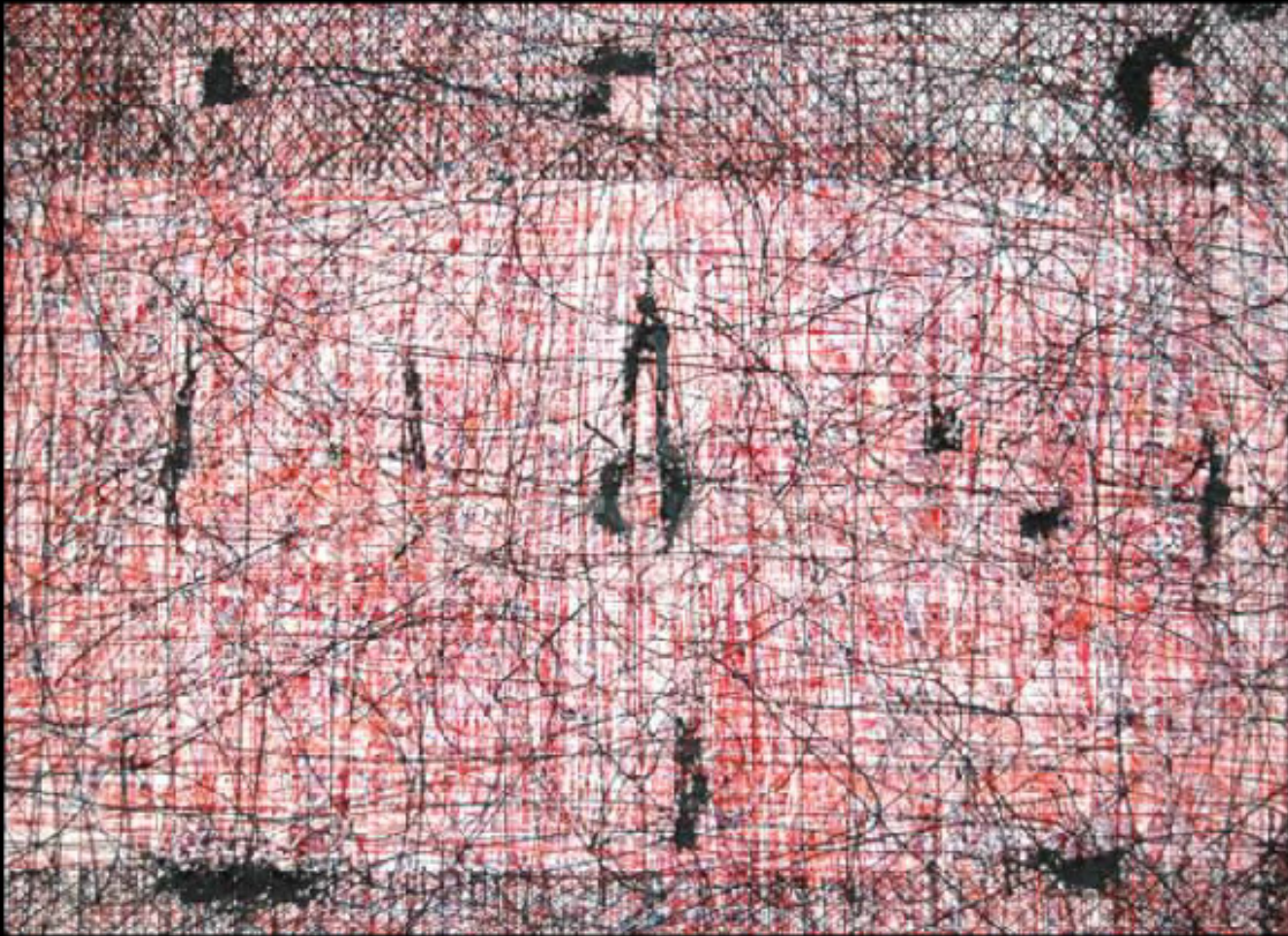
**AWAKEN, MIXED MEDIA TAPESTRY  
PAINTING, 40 X 55 X 4 INCHES, 2013**



**OWURO L'OJO, MIXED MEDIA TAPESTRY  
PAINTING, 40 X 48 X 4 INCHES, 2013**



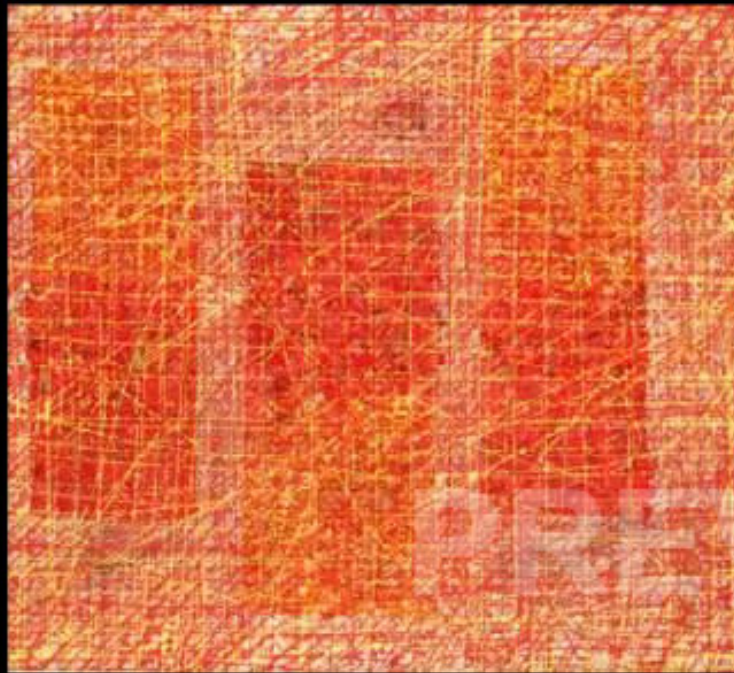
JIGI / MIRROR, MIXED MEDIA TAPESTRY PAINTING, 67 X 59 X 7 INCHES, 2013



WORLD FOREVER REMEMBER, MIXED MEDIA PAINTING, 5 X 8 FT, 2013

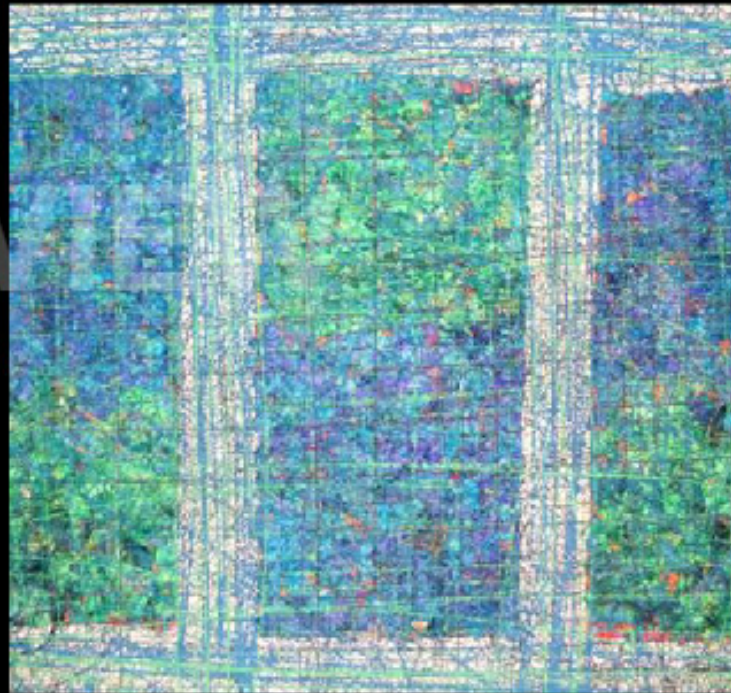


4 SEASONS, MIXED MEDIA PAINTING, 4 X 4 FT, 2013



CAUSE FOR CONCERN,  
MIXED MEDIA PAINTING,  
30 X 36 INCHES, 2013

ADMIRATION,  
MIXED MEDIA PAINTING,  
30 X 36 INCHES, 2013





OGEDE NBAJE / ROTTEN BANANA, MIXED MEDIA PAINTING, 6 X 4 FT, 2013

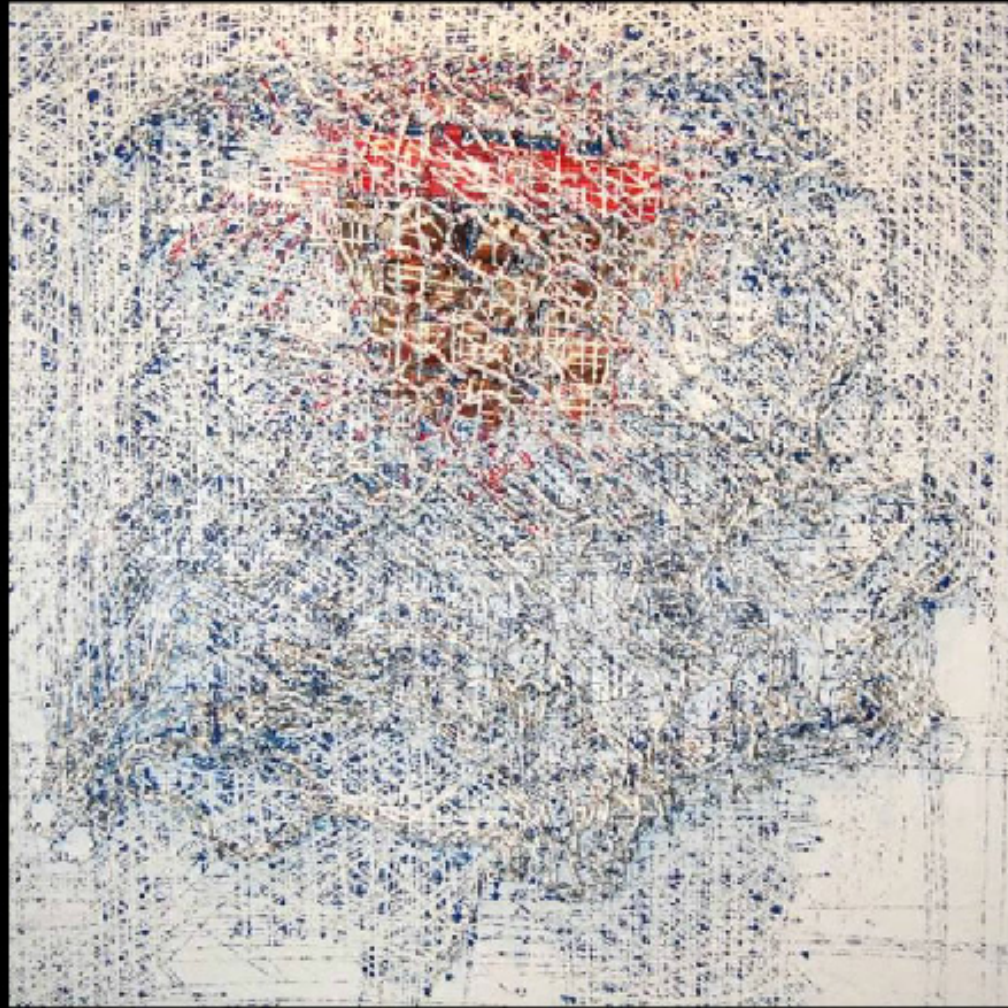




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MIXED MEDIA PAINTING,  
25X25 INCHES, 2013

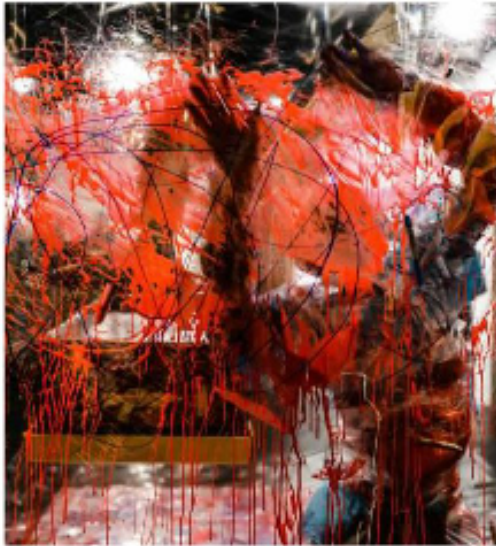


AFFECTION "2"  
MIXED MEDIA PAINTING,  
25X25 INCHES, 2013



ABDJAN TO PARIS, MIXED MEDIA PAINTING /SCULPTURE,  
4 X 4 FT, 2013





ILE PUPA / RED CARPET,  
PERFORMANCE AT RO2 ART  
DALLAS



OYEKU / SHIELDS AGAINST DEATH,  
PUBLIC PERFORMANCE DOWNTOWN  
DALLAS





OYEKU / SHIELDS AGAINST DEATH,  
PUBLIC PERFORMANCE DOWNTOWN DALLAS







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# ASHIRI / SECRET

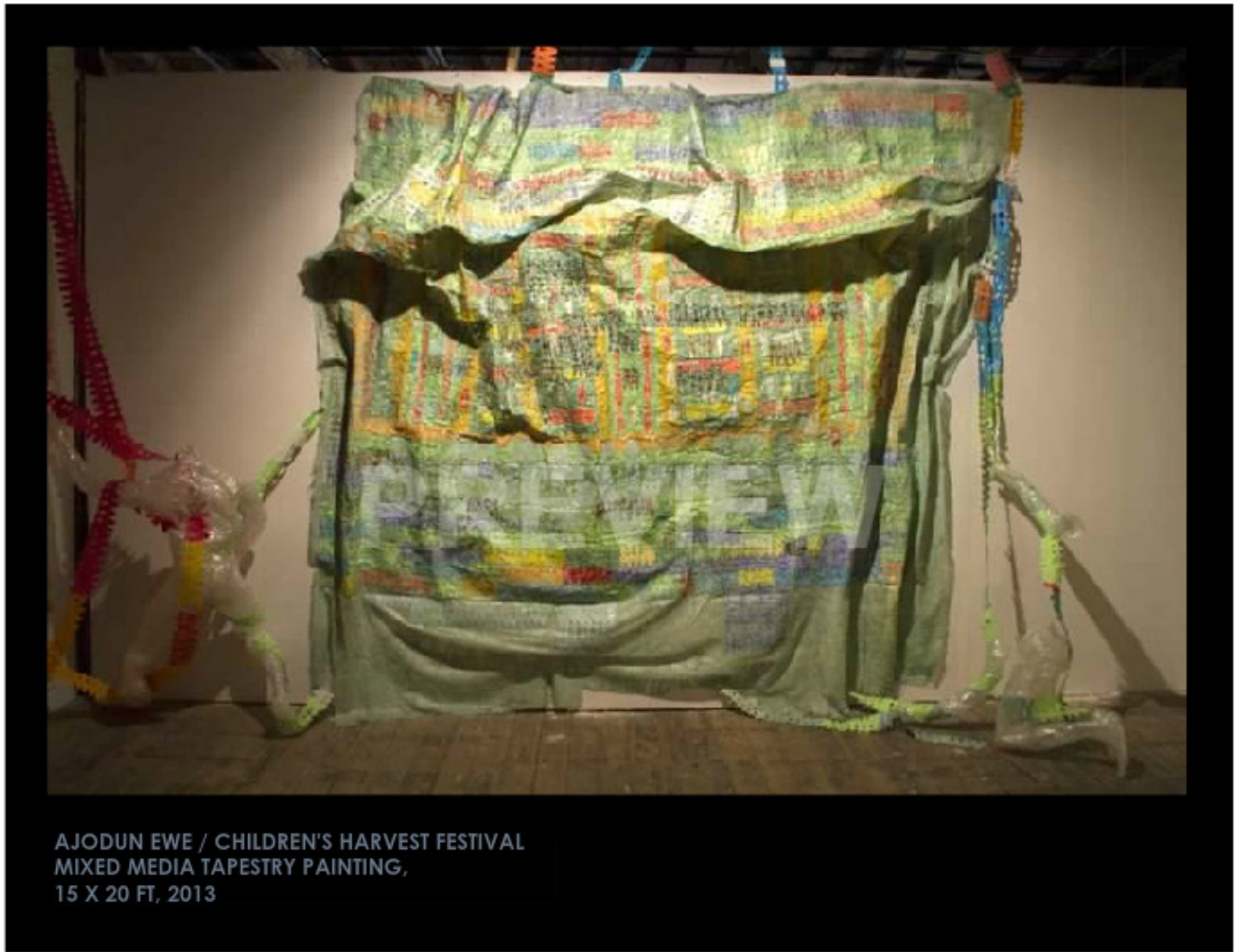
at the  
Museum of Human Achievement  
Austin - Texas

8th February - 8th March 2014



**OGIRI L'ETI / WALLS DO HAVE EARS,  
MIXED MEDIA TAPESTRY PAINTING,  
12 X 18 FT, 2013**





AJODUN EWE / CHILDREN'S HARVEST FESTIVAL  
MIXED MEDIA TAPESTRY PAINTING,  
15 X 20 FT, 2013



AJODUN EWE / CHILDREN'S HARVEST FESTIVAL  
MIXED MEDIA TAPESTRY PAINTING,  
15 X 20 FT, 2013



**AMO L'EWA / BEAUTY IS WITHIN,  
MIXED MEDIA TAPESTRY PAINTING,  
12 X 18 FT, 2013**



AMO L'EWA / BEAUTY IS WITHIN,  
MIXED MEDIA TAPESTRY PAINTING,  
12 X 18 FT, 2013









I WANT TO BE BORN AGAIN (PERFORMANCE)



I WANT TO BE BORN AGAIN (PERFORMANCE) AT MUSEUM OF HUMAN ACHIEVEMENTS AUSTIN



**AMERICA DREAM, MIXED MEDIA  
SCULPTURE, 19 X 15 X 40 INCHES,  
2014**







BEND DOWN BOUTIQUE, MIXED  
MEDIA SCULPTURE, VARIES IN SIZE,  
2007



**BEND DOWN BOUTIQUE, MIXED MEDIA  
SCULPTURE, VARIES IN SIZE, 2007**



**BEND DOWN BOUTIQUE, MIXED MEDIA SCULPTURE, VARIES IN SIZE, 2007**



at the  
George Washington Carver Museum Austin Texas  
June 5th- August 30th 2014







ISE L'OGUN ISE / HARD WORK IS THE ANTIDOTE FOR HUNGER,  
MIXED MEDIA SCULPTURE PAINTING ( REPURPOSED PLASTIC SPOONS, FORKS, KNIVES, PLATES, BURLAP,  
ACRYLIC PAINTS), 30 X 7 X FT, 2013



**ISE L'OGUN ISE / HARD WORK IS THE ANTIDOTE FOR HUNGER,  
MIXED MEDIA SCULPTURE PAINTING ( REPURPOSED PLASTIC SPOONS, FORKS, KNIVES, PLATES, BURLAP,  
ACRYLIC PAINTS), 30 X 7 X FT, 2013**

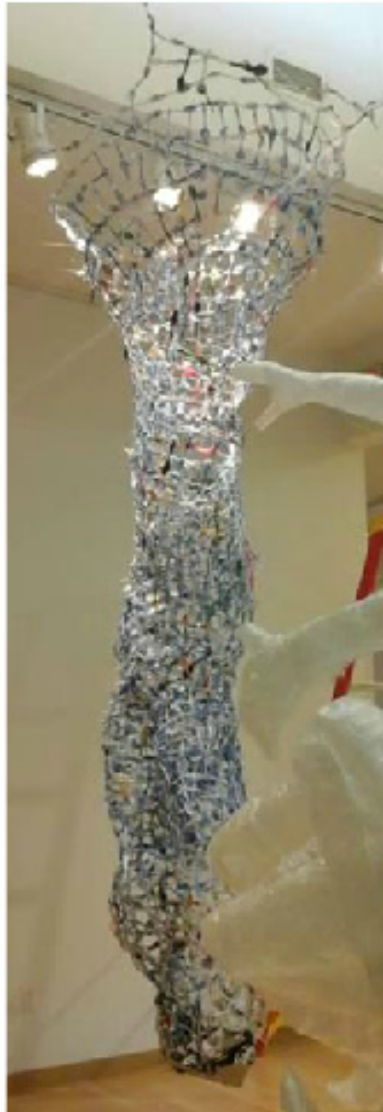


OJO OJA AJE / MONDAY MARKET DAY, MIXED MEDIA  
SCULPTURE  
INSTALLATION (REPURPOSED PLASTIC SPOONS, FORKS, KNIVES,  
PLATES,  
GALVAZIED WIRE, PAINTS, COINS), 20 X 20 X 10 FT, 2013









SAJE NWA? / HOW IS THE MARKET?  
MIXED MEDIA SCULPTURE INSTALLATION  
(REPURPOSED PLASTIC SPOONS, FORKS, KNIVES,  
GALVAZIED WIRE, PAINTS, COINS)  
20 X 7 X 8 FT, 2013





**MAMA TAJA RAJA/ MAMA BUYING & SELLING, (PERFORMANCE) AT GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER MUSEUM AUSTIN**





MAMA TAJA RAJA/ MAMA BUYING & SELLING, (PERFORMANCE) AT GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER MUSEUM AUSTIN







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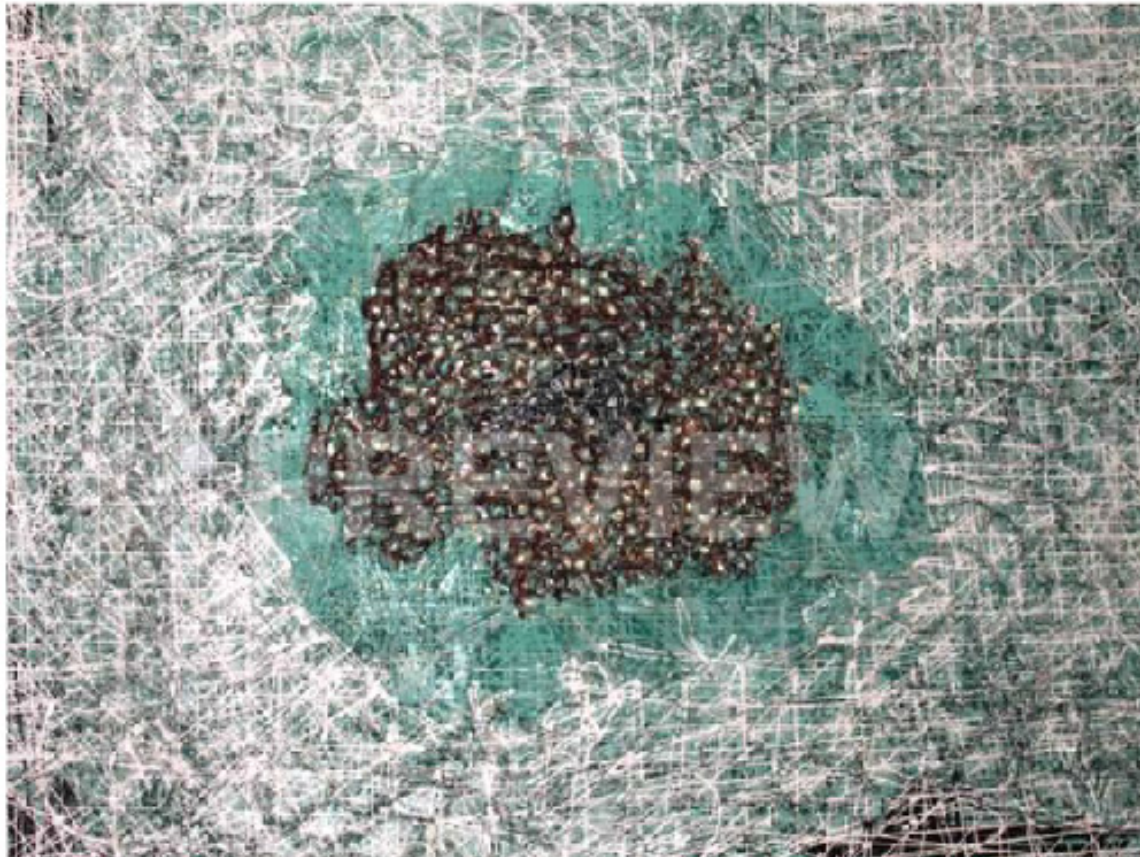




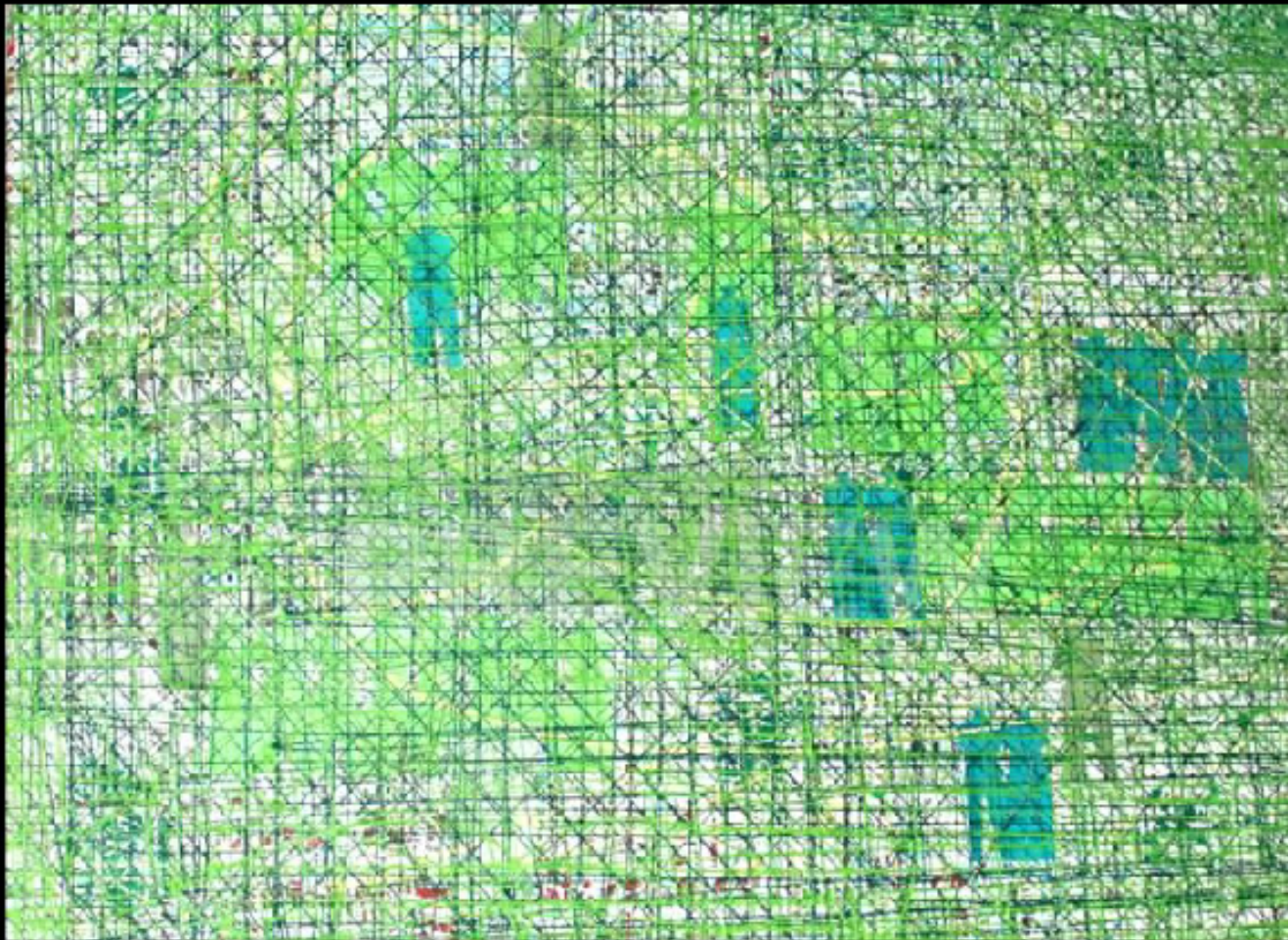


ORI LABA BO / HEADS ARE TO BE WORSHIPED, MIXED MEDIA TAPESTRY  
PAINTING, 2 X 2 FT, 2014





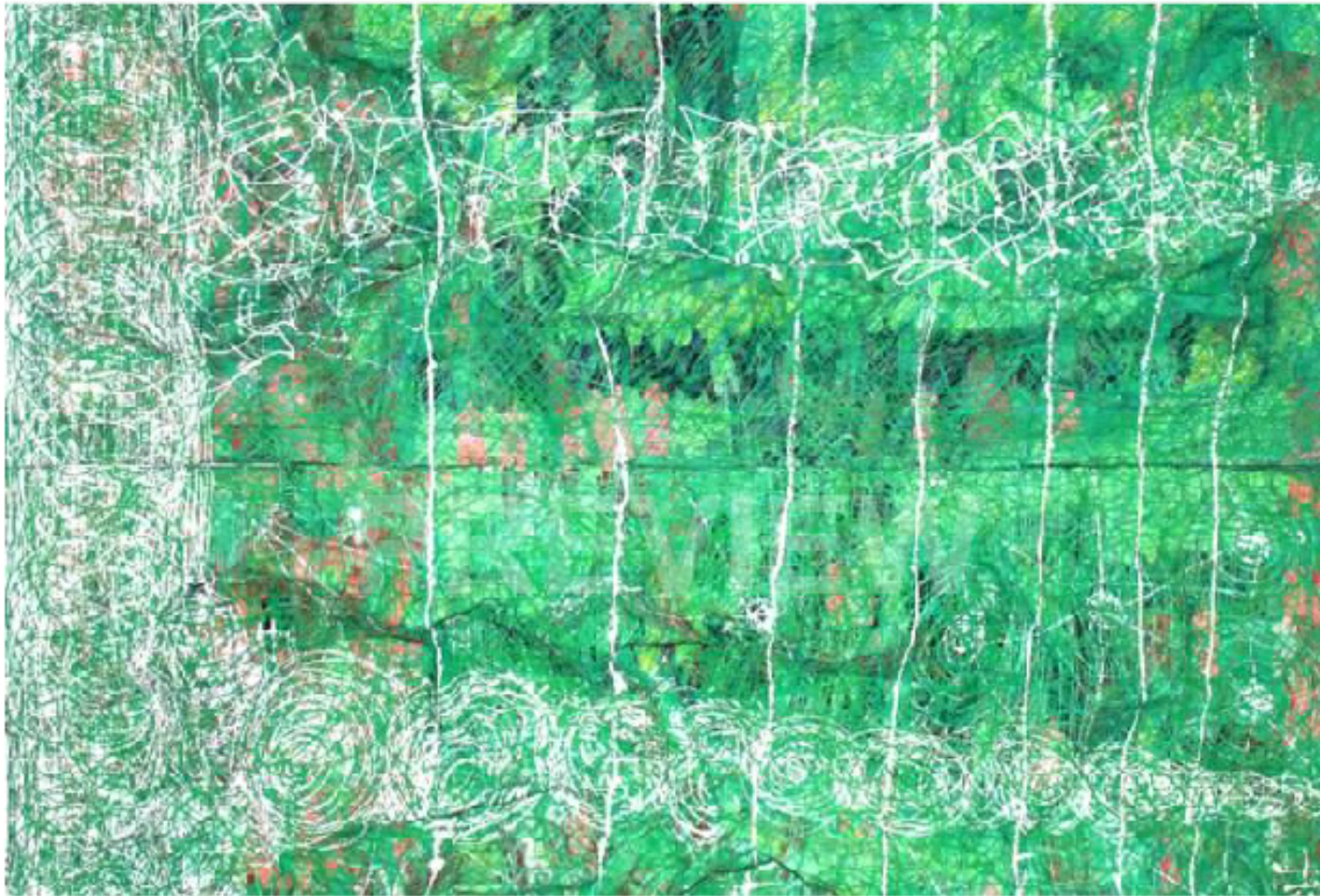
HARVEST  
MIXED MEDIA SCULPTURE/ PAINTING.  
49 X 58 FT, 2014



**GREEN LIGHT,  
MIXED MEDIA PAINTING,  
30 X 40 INCHES, 2013**



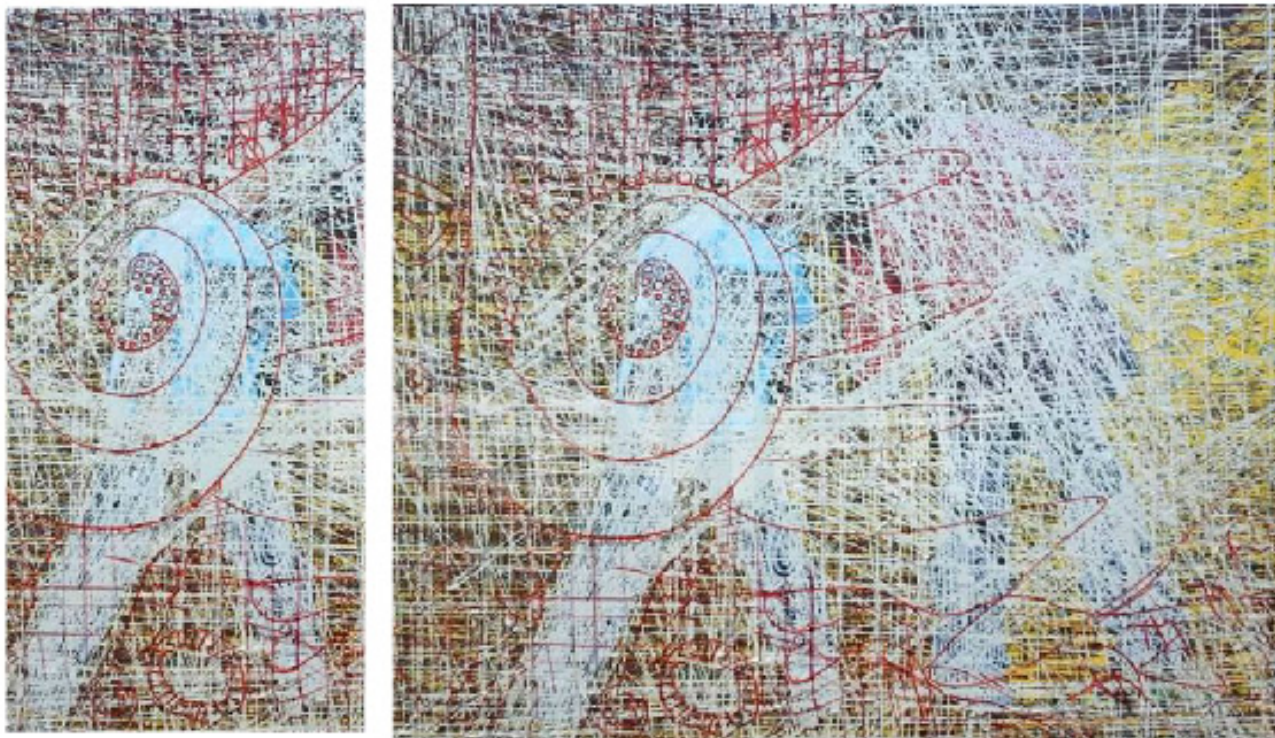
**SWEET SIXTEEN**  
**MIXED MEDIA TAPERSTY PAINTING,**  
**75 X 40 INCHES, 2013**



FERTILE LAND  
MIXED MEDIA TAPESTRY PAINTING,  
80 X 80 X 8 INCHES, 2014



EFIN NIWA / BEAUTY IS WITHIN  
MIXED MEDIA PAINTING,  
2 X 2 FT, 2013



LINES INTO SHAPES, MIXED MEDIA PAINTING, 40 X 30 INCHES, 2014



CHRISTMAS TREE, MIXED MEDIA SCULPTURE, 8 X 18 X 8 FT, 2014



# HOTBOX RESIDENCY

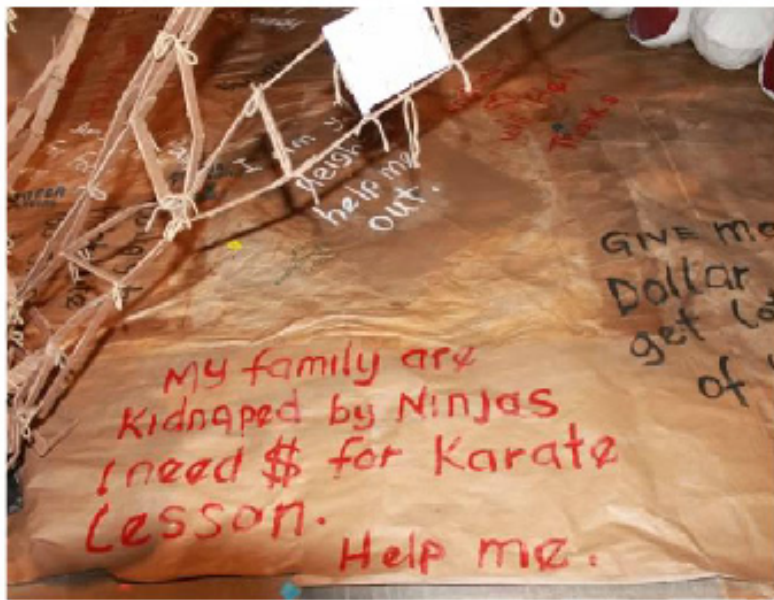
PREVIEW  
at  
MASS GALLERY AUSTIN TEXAS  
August 1st - September 8th 2014



200 HOMELESS HEADS CAST FROM NEWSPAPER









ORO / WORDS,  
MIXED MEDIA TAPESTRY PAINTING.  
25 X 4 FT, 2014







ATINUKE/CHILDREN ARE TO BE PAMPERED,  
MIXED MEDIA TAPESTRY PAINTING,  
5 X 5 FT, 2014





IGBA ORUN/SUMMER TIME,  
MIXED MEDIA TAPESTRY PAINTING,  
4 X 5 FT, 2014

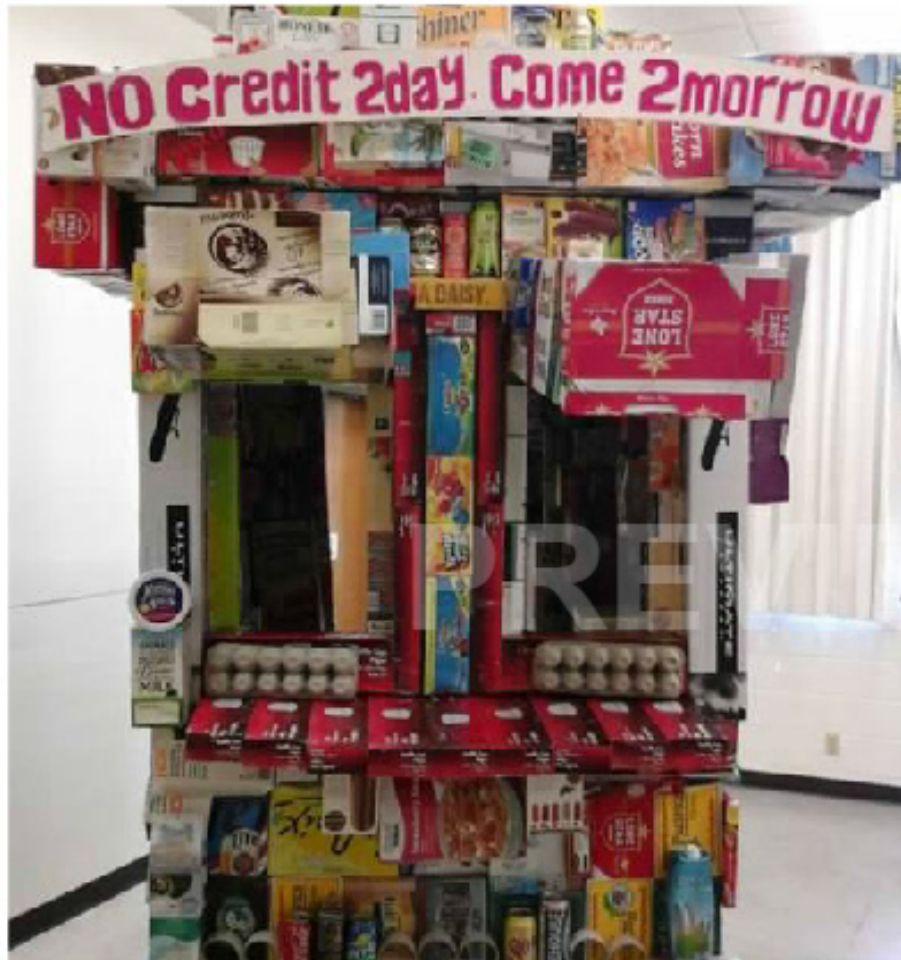


**OGBELE "2",  
MIXED MEDIA TAPESTRY PAINTING,  
3 X 3 FT, 2014**



**OGBELE "1",  
MIXED MEDIA TAPESTRY PAINTING,  
3 X 3FT , 2014**





SHOPPING LIST,  
MIXED MEDIA SCULPTURE INSTALLATION,  
14 X 10 X 12 FT, 2014





**SHOPPING LIST INSTALLED AT REPUBLIC PARK, DOWNTOWN AUSTIN**

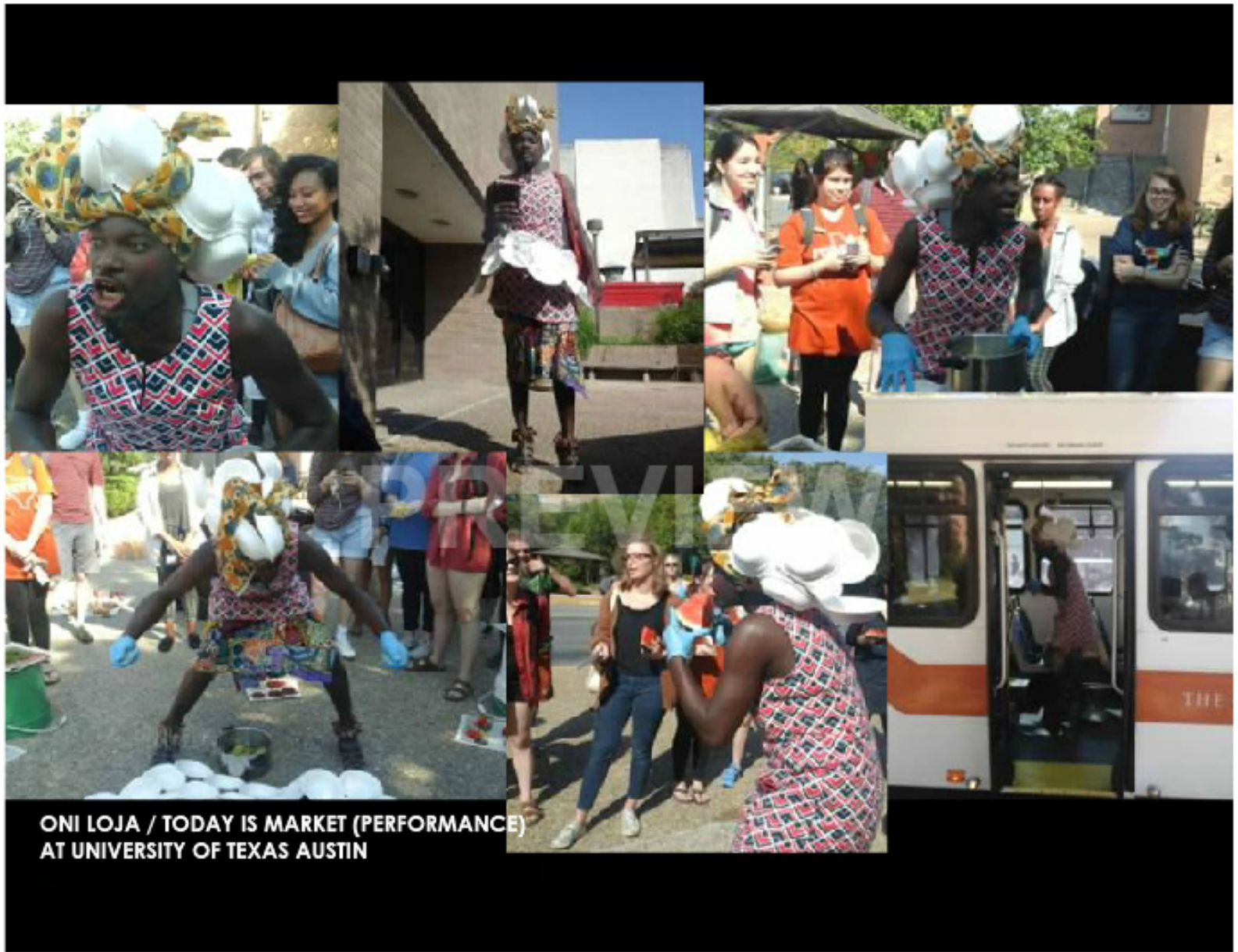






AGIDIMALAJA / HOMELESS (PERFORMANCE)  
AT MASS GALLERY AUSTIN





**ONI LOJA / TODAY IS MARKET (PERFORMANCE)  
AT UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AUSTIN**

# BABA MAGANA

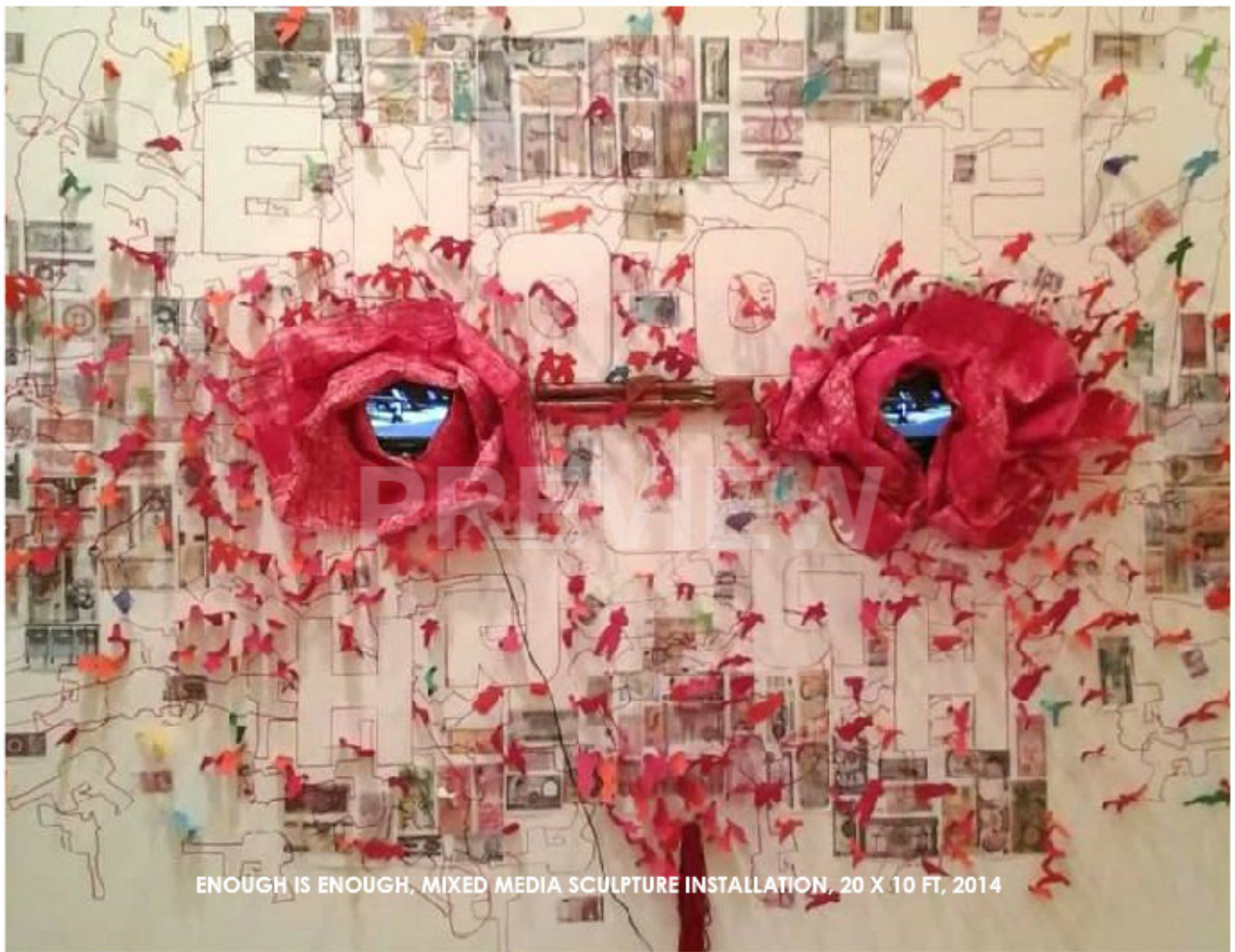
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at the  
AC INSTITUTE

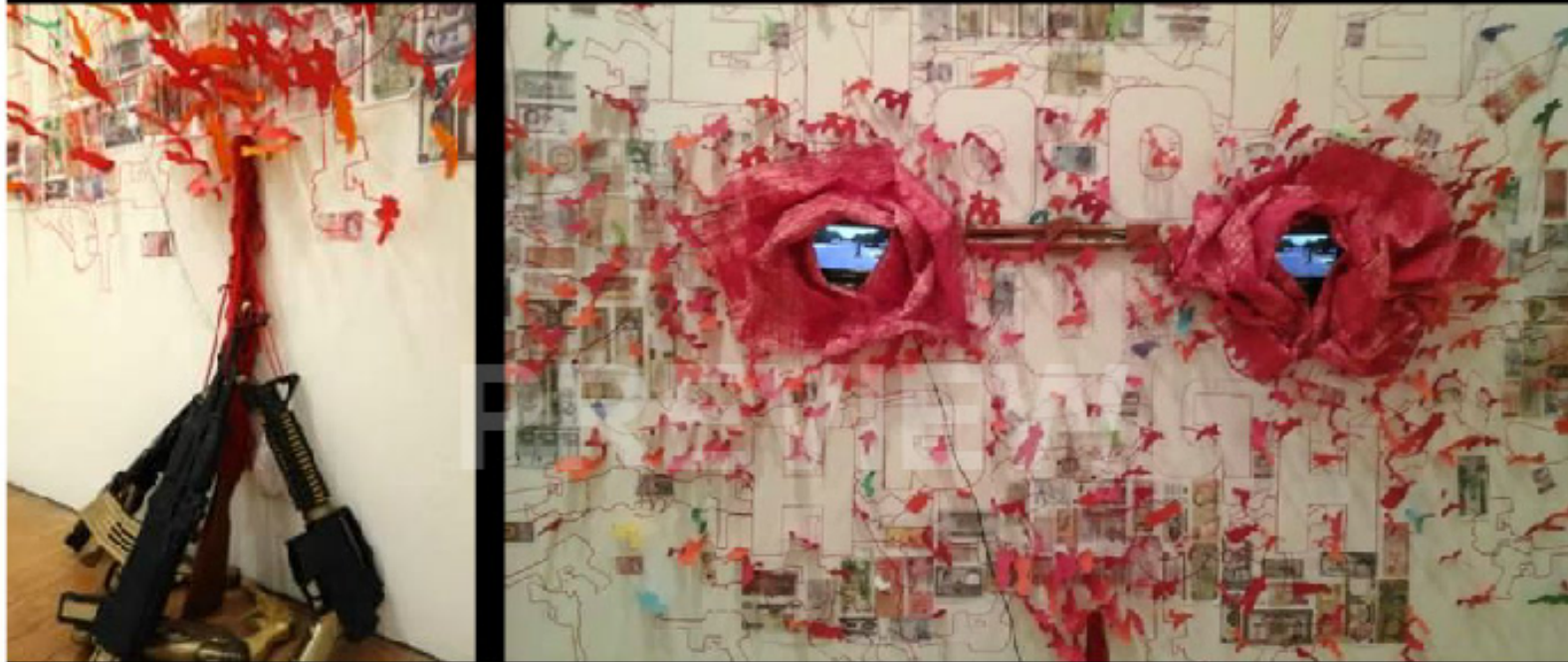
20th November 2014 - 17th January 2015



TILL DEATH DO US PART,  
MIXED MEDIA TAPESTRY PAINTING,  
5 X 5 FT , 2014



ENOUGH IS ENOUGH, MIXED MEDIA SCULPTURE INSTALLATION, 20 X 10 FT, 2014



ENOUGH IS ENOUGH, MIXED MEDIA SCULPTURE INSTALLATION, 20 X 10 FT, 2014





**GUNS DON'T KILL, MIXED MEDIA TAPESTRY  
PAINTING,  
20 X 12 FT, 2013**





**GBAJU GBAJA / CELEBRITY,  
MIXED MEDIA SCULPTURE INSTALLATION.  
10 X 20 X 8 FT, 2014**





**GBAJU GBAJA /  
CELEBRITY,**

**MIXED MEDIA  
SCULPTURE  
INSTALLATION,**

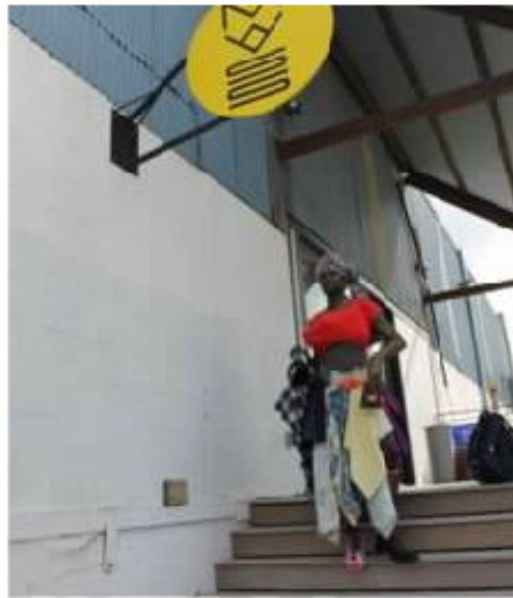
**10 X 20 X 8 FT,**

**2014**





ENOUGH "1" (PERFORMANCE) AT AC INSTITUTE NY







TIME IS MONEY  
MIXED MEDIA PAINTING  
51 X 41 INCHES , 2013



DEPARTING  
MIXED MEDIA PAINTING  
51 X 65 INCHES , 2013





LOOM  
(WORK IN PROGRESS)





**PUNCTUAL**  
**MIXED MEDIA PAINTING**  
**51 X 41 INCHES, 2013**



STITCHING  
MIXED MEDIA PAINTING  
51 X 41 INCHES, 2013



**POWER BEHIND TECHNOLOGY**  
**MIXED MEDIA PAINTING**  
**55 X 40 INCHES, 2013**



WORK IN PROGRESS, RE PURPOSED  
SLIDE CHROME



6 FEET, MIXED MEDIA PAINTING, 36 X 30 INCHES,  
2013



LIVE & LET LIVE, MIXED MEDIA PAINTING,  
30 X 36 INCHES, 2013



STATE OF OUR ECONOMY, MIXED MEDIA TAPESTRY PAINTING,  
120 X 96 X 8 INCHES, 2014

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