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### AUSTIN UZOR (b.1991)

Uzor's paintings and drawings explore psychological spaces, with forms and figurative interpretations that are set against atmospheric grounds and a colorful visual lexicon. His earlier works investigated the displacement and journey African Migrants took through the Sahara Desert and Mediterranean Sea towards Europe as a result of political conflicts in the Sub-Saharan regions. For Uzor, who is himself also an immigrant in the United States, the notion of having a "home" while feeling "homeless" is a very personal one. His paintings offer a quasi-cinematic windows into architectural structures, forms and figures that appear in unrecognizable spaces, and reappear into newly invented sceneries. Like fleeting memories, the artist attempts to capture imagery of what once existed before they disappear into the ether. Uzor was born in the eastern part of Nigeria and hails from Imo state. The artist is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Drawing and Painting at the University of North Texas, where his also a Teaching Fellow. Uzor's works are in many private collections in the United States, Europe and Africa.

#### **EDUCATION**

Present MFA in Painting and Drawing, University of North Texas, Denton, TX2014 BFA in Painting, University of Nigeria, Nsukka, Enugu

#### TEACHING

- 2020 Present Gallery Assistant (CVAD), University of North Texas CVAD Galleries, Denton, TX
- 2019 Present Teaching Fellow (CVAD), University of North Texas, Denton, TX

2018 - Present Teaching Assistant (CVAD), University of North Texas, Denton, TX

#### **EXHIBITIONS**

#### SOLO

- 2021 Memories of the Future, The Gough Gallery (GDAC), Denton, TX
- 2020 Moving Lights, FWCAC, Fort Worth, TX
- 2020 Somewhere in Between, UNT Union Gallery, Denton, TX
- 2019 Somewhere in Between, 500X Gallery, Dallas, TX
  - Solo Showdown, Juried exhibition, FWCAC, Fort Worth, TX
- 2016 Visitors, Rele Gallery, Lagos, Nigeria

GROUP

- 2024 The Place We Exist In, curated by Larry Ossei-Mensah, Heather Gaudio Fine Art, Greenwich, CT
- 2020 Ethereal Epiphany, Juried exhibition, 33 Contemporary Gallery, Chicago, IL The Human Condition, Juried exhibition, AnArte Gallery, San Antonio, TX Misplaced Memories, FWCAC, Fort Worth, TX There, Here, Nowhere, The Koppel Project, London, UK Sublime, Rele Gallery, Lagos, Nigeria
- 2019 "Mayjoring" in Art, FWCAC, Fort Worth, TX
  30 Under 30, Juried exhibition, GDAC, Denton, TX
  Plurarism, UNT Union Gallery, Denton, TX
  Draft Motor, UNT Square Gallery, Denton, TX

#### SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

Danny Dunson, "Artists Spotlight", ArtX, November 21, 2019 Erin Cristales, "Between Two Worlds," North Texan, September 27, 2019 North Texan, Vol. 69, No. 3, September 2019

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