

SACRED SYMBOLS

Fort Lauderdale, FL - E KAABO O! Meaning: "you are welcome" in my native Yoruba Language of Nigeria, West Africa.

Prince Emmanuel Abiodun Aderere (Prince Aderere) was born and raised in Nigeria, West Africa and is one of six siblings. Creativity, art, nature, life, sacred music, dance and drumming are just a few of the things I am passionate about. As a self-educated artist, I decided to call my art-work Yoruba Sacred Arts which involves the 'Encoding of Sacred Symbols' that illustrates Sacred Historical events, stories and folktale of the Yoruba people.

Aderere shared that his role as a prince is to be a keeper of the culture. He says that he started learning his role as a toddler. Aderere says, "It is not something that is taught but is simply living. It is being immersed in life."

Aderere recently showcased his visual arts at the African Wardrobe Festival held at AARLC in late August. All of his work is bordered on the outside of each painting with these sacred symbols. The symbols are a signature; this is the way to identify Aderere's work. His work of art, titled "Osun", is representative of his work in sacred symbols and a tribute to women. This piece celebrates his heritage with the symbols intricately adorned in her clothing. He says Osun represents the strength of women as she endures her day-to-day struggles while still being beautiful.

The symbols in conjunction with the bright colors are appropriately represented from his homeland and in his style of use in vibrancy. The worked titled "The Elders" shown bottom left is a blending of wise faces looking at the viewer. Aderere says that it is important to pay homage to the ancestors and the elders. They are our protectors and our guides.

An accomplished Visual Artist, Master Percussionist, Sacred Yoruba Choreographer/Dancer and Arts Educator, Aderere is an International Artist in Residence with the Osun's Village & African Caribbean Cultural Arts Corridor. The initiative is a project of Community Builders Holistic Development Corporation, an International Not for Profit/Mutual Benefit Organization based in South Florida.

Prince Aderere has extended his work as an artist by working as a teaching artist. His commitment to reach children through the arts has allowed him to work with well over a thousand students, in South Florida, nationally and internationally. My goal is to capture viewer's interest; and to submerge myself in the aesthetic of each commissioned piece to ensure the comprehensive idea comes to fruition.



The Elders 24" x24" Acrylic on Canvas



Osun 24" x 48" acrylic on canvas

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Artist Yvette Michele Booth



Symbol: Krapa [Krah-Pah]
 Translation: Pure Heart

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