

Ghana, Nigeria, South Africa...20 young African creatives to know

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The number of African artists and creatives working across the continent and its diaspora is rising. This number includes those doing remarkable work to meet the times, reshaping aesthetics and style, overturning stereotypes, and engaging social and cultural issues across Africa today. We look at the top 20 young creative minds across the continent and beyond.

15. Gideon Appah

Gideon Appah is a Ghanaian artist living and working in Accra. His paintings feature dream landscapes and times that imbue elements of fantasy.

According to his bio, he “prioritises atmosphere and the exploration of memory over faithful reproduction,” lending his works a surreal and expressionist feel.

He is a painter aware of the potency of symbolism and references, and he intelligently deploys them in his paintings, scouted from sources as varied as personal memories, pop culture, film, black portraiture, colonial archives, Western classical art, and religion.

His work has been shown in Accra, New Mexico, New York, Toronto, and has been acquired by the Absa Museum in Johannesburg, the Museum of African Contemporary Art Al Maaden in Marrakesh, and the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto.

