**PORTER AJAYI OLANREWAJU**

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**BIOGRAPHY:**

**Porter Ajayi** started his career at an early age, from elementary through secondary school. After secondary school, he began dreaming of becoming a professional artist.

He holds a National Diploma in General Arts from Lagos State Polytechnic graduated in 1992.  After obtaining his diploma he gained admission to the prestigious art school at Yaba College of Technology in Lagos Nigeria where he earned a Higher National Diploma in Painting in 1997.

Porter is currently a Master member of Society of Nigerian Artists (SNA) Lagos Nigeria. He has participated in several art exhibitions within Nigeria and outside the country including the 23rd Pan African Film and Arts Festival (PAFF) in Los Angeles, California, October rain exhibition 2021, Mydrem Lagos, Tenacity exhibition Terrakulture Lagos 2021, and the 27th Wurzburg Africa Festival in Germany as well as in the Artfully Spaced Gallery exhibition titled “Color Perspectives: Differences Shine Alike in Los Angeles California USA 2017.

He is also the recipient of accolades and numerous awards including a certificate of special congressional recognition as a featured artist of the 25th annual Pan African Film and Arts Festival in 2017 by the city of Los Angeles, California, USA; Certificate of Appreciation for the featured Fine Artist of the 25th Annual Pan African film and Arts festival by the city of Los Angeles, 2017; Certificate of recognition by the Mayor of City of Moreno Valley, California USA; 2018, certificate of congressional recognition as a featured artist for artfully spaced gallery 2019 USA, certificate of recognition by the U.S. Senator - California as a featured artist in the 4th ASG annual art exhibition, LOS Angeles California, USA 2020 and the Distinguished Artist award in 2017 by the Society of Nigerian Artists, to name a few.

Porter has also completed many commissioned works for both individual and corporate clients. Lastly, he is a full time studio artist.