## <u>Artist Statement</u>

My name is Yomi Gbamis, and I am an Abstract Expressionist artist. My work is an ongoing exploration of how best to interpret the ideas in my mind and the world around me. Using acrylic on canvas as my primary medium, I appreciate its versatility, availability, and quick drying properties, which allow for dynamic and spontaneous creation.

I create art inspired by my imagination, drawn from everything I see and feel, encapsulated in my slogan, "Art is in everything you see." My approach to color and form is deeply influenced by my life experiences and perceptions. Growing up with the freedom to explore, thanks to my parents and my experiences as a farmer, provided me with a rich tapestry of inspiration. This background has instilled in me the ability to transform my surroundings into abstract depictions.

Although I initially planned to become an architect and hold a degree in Agricultural Economics and Extension, my journey led me to embrace my true calling as an artist. This diverse background contributes to the unique perspective and depth in my work.

For me, art is about actualizing ideas and concepts, making interiors beautiful and memorable. I draw from the abundant inspiration of Mother Nature, using a dynamic style and vibrant colors to create pieces that reflect my past, present, and future.

Each piece I create is intended to inspire me first, with the hope of resonating with others. I don't confine myself to a single genre; my work is a fluid expression of how I feel, meticulously crafted with attention to detail. My methods are not limited to specific tools; I employ brushes, palette knives, acrylic pens, bare hands, and various other implements to shape acrylic into precise, mixed-media forms.

Ultimately, my art is a unique expression made for someone special, aiming to inspire and evoke a sense of wonder and beauty.