ARTIST BIOGRAPHIES

Eugène Gumira is a visual artist of Rwandan origin. Once better known as a basketball player in the Great Lakes countries of Africa (Burundi and Rwanda), he is drawn to the use of materials in his artistic and photographic work. Gumira currently lives and works in Montreal.

Romain Jean-Jacques, aka Larost, is a visual artist born in 1989 in Reunion Island in the Indian Ocean. He explores the multiplicity of individual and collective experiences. Central to his work is an openness to decentralizing history as well as its imaginary.

Fatuma Kou, whose given name is Korlu Soriba, is a tribal artist who moved to Canada in 2005 as a landed Immigrant. As a war survivor, she feels challenged each day to make a difference. She's a full-time community worker in youth employment in Ottawa and a local author with two published children's books, "I am" and "Where Mom Is from".

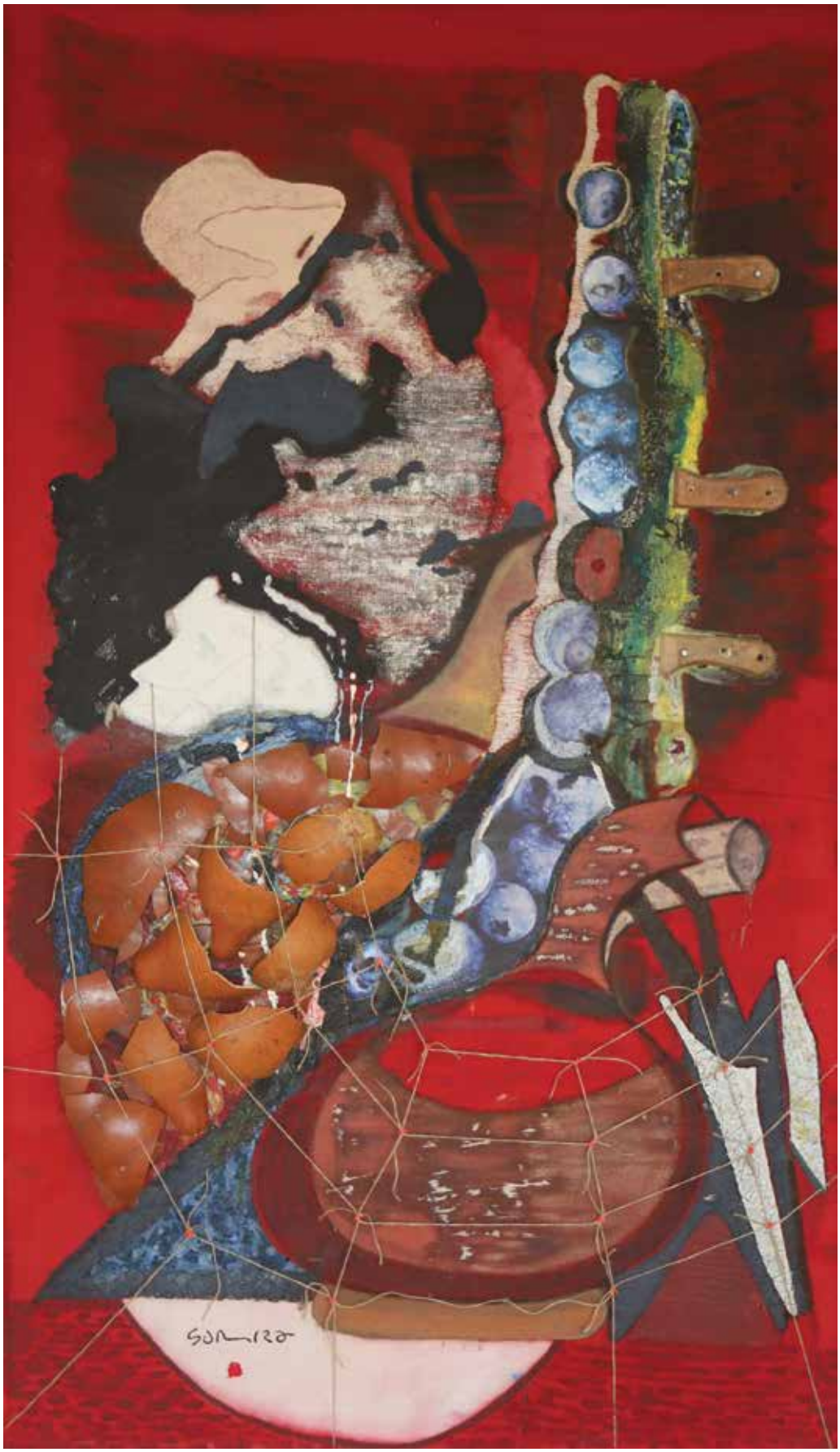
Komi Olaf (Nigerian, 1985) is a visual artist, poet and architectural designer who is best known for his ability to represent, both visually and poetically, the complexities of the world and generation he finds himself in. In recent years, Komi's art has been shaped by a cultural and artistic movement known as Afrofuturism, which explores African and African diasporic cultures in intersection with technology.

Yasmeen Souffrant is an emerging Canadian artist of Haitian origin. She is a graphic designer by training, but also specializes in textile design. She creates designs that are then printed to energize all types of surfaces, mainly textiles. This contemporary discipline is a mix between traditional textile art and digital art: digital textile design.



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TROU DE MÉMOIRE
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AFRICA
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SELF ISOLATION WITH A POTTED PLANT
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ACROSS THE BORDER

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