

## FINESSE

18 December 2022 - 14 January 2023

Daniel Pengrapher Oshundaro | Muofhe Manavhela | Valerie Etitinwo



Valerie Etitinwo, Console me, please, Acrylic on canvas, 80 cm x 100cm, 2022



Muofhe Manavhela, Motheo, Oil on canvas, 90 cm x 120 cm, 2022

**Affinity Art gallery** is pleased to announce '**FINESSE**' a group exhibition featuring three emerging artists from Nigeria and South Africa. The exhibition opening Sunday, December 18th, 2022 is the final exhibition of the year in the gallery's programme.

**FINESSE**, an exhibition of works featuring Daniel 'Pengrapher' Oshundaro, Muofhe Manavhela, and Valerie Etitinwo, shows the works of artists coming into their own in terms of the incredible skill and impressive detail that forms their artistic practice and process. From the conceptualization of their works to the execution, up until they are hung on the walls, these artists and their attention to every brushstroke is a testament not only to the success of their work, but also to their budding careers.

**Daniel 'Pengrapher' Oshundaro** (b. 1997) is a Nigerian figurative abstract artist, sculptor, and muralist whose practice reflects and engages how his individualistic beliefs, aspirations, and personality become attached to the work he creates. His work represents the self-expression of thoughts and experiences from his environment by referencing classical compositions using a combination of colours, lines, texture, and symbolism.

He received his BA in Creative Art from the University of Lagos, Nigeria, and his BA in sculpture from the Academy of Arts, Novi Sad, Serbia. In 2021, he was awarded a BEA scholarship to further his artistic journey. Pengrapher has participated in exhibitions like CLASSIQUE! Afikaris Gallery Paris, France. 2022, SLAMA LAND ART FESTIVAL NS22. Novi sad, Serbia 2022, Final exhibition, Academy of Arts. Novi sad, Serbia. 2022, Art3f BRUSSELS, Vangogh Art gallery CONTEMPORARY ART FAIR.2021, Concordant conveyances, Mitochondria gallery, Houston, USA. 2021.

**Muofhe Manavhela** (b. 2000), is a multi-disciplinary artist based in Johannesburg. She is studying at the University of the Witwatersrand for her Bachelor of Fine Arts. Inspired by artists like Lady Skollie and Andy Warhol, as well as her personal experience of 21st-century black womanhood, Muofhe depicts a more nuanced perspective of the daily experiences of African women. The artist uses a variety of mediums mainly paint, and printmaking, to communicate themes of sexuality, youth, freedom, pleasure, and the domesticity of women. Her work is simultaneously fun and honest. Muofhe has participated in exhibitions such as “We are culture” at The Standard Bank Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa, 2022, On the Edge, Kalashnikovv Gallery Johannesburg, South Africa 2022, Investec Cape Town Art Fair 2022, and Botho Project Space.

**Valerie Nkesi Etitinwo** (b. 1998) is a Nigerian artist born in Geneva, Switzerland. She joined Atelier Debrot (Geneva) from 2007 -2016 and was trained and mentored by professional artist Claire-Lise Debrot. She began to hone her craft and thus found new ways of applying her skill through mediums such as pottery, painting, charcoal, and collage. Finding herself drawn to the cubism movement, Valerie got the inspiration that she needed to create ‘outside the box of realism. “I’ve always admired artists who can draw realistic-looking images because I’ve never been able to do so. In fact, I got frustrated at some point and decided to do the complete opposite”. It was this abandonment of rules that helped Valerie find her own style using mainly acrylic to depict purported human figures and warped objects against vividly coloured backgrounds. Valerie has participated in exhibitions such as Breakthrough Artist, Artspace Warehouse, California, USA 2022, “Abstraction Taking Shape”, Kunstwarenhaus Zurich Switzerland 2022.

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Exhibition Opening Hours:

Tuesday – Saturday, 11 am – 6 pm

Sundays are by appointment only.

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### **NOTES TO EDITORS**

Affinity Art Gallery is a modern and contemporary gallery dedicated to the promotion and celebration of African artists who are passionately sharing the African narrative with their works. The gallery functions as a beacon to educate and preserve Africa's rich and diverse culture in a bid to inspire the next generation of young Africans.

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