

MAN AND NATURE

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- Man is a natural being that exists and survives around nature all over the world. The survival of man, solely depends on his ability to inhale oxygen and exhale carbon dioxide.
- The natural environment is relatively safe until, pollution through waste, smoke emissions, chemical waste and other harmful substances found its way around the environment.

- The environment needs to be conducive, safe and litter free to ensure safety and quality of life. The natural environment of man plays a major role in his survival. A clean and green environment can help sustain good health and quality of life.
- Plants and trees are essential for pure unpolluted oxygen which is a key factor for survival of humans. Trees are quite effective in reducing environmental pollution by absorbing unsafe gases that would have been absorbed by man if there were no plants or trees around.

A Green Environment (An Artistic Perspective)

- Few years ago, I started working on a body of work, themed: “Man and Nature”. The project grew to become a series that I am still working on. The relationship between man and nature, is quite cordial because, nature and every element in it is instrumental to man’s survival.
- I have created paintings that depict the interplay of forms, figures and nature. Green leaves are visibly captured in my paintings to portray, growth, nature, strength, youthfulness, vibrancy, agriculture and good health. From an artistic point of view, the color green is very significant and symbolic to life.

- The shade of green also matters, for instance in my bloom series, Young women are painted with large afro hair which was represented with green leaves. The series was an attempt to paint strong, youthful and vibrant ladies that were blossoming in their prime in a green environment.
- The concept of green leaves, flowers, water and blue sky in my paintings is to further emphasize the need for humans to get into a serious relationship with nature, or better still, a blissful marriage, because a green environment improves the quality of life for the young and old. My subjects share a bond with nature and it is quite symbolic.

Why is it Necessary to Create Art?

- To Educate
- To Document
- To Entertain
- For Therapy
- For Aesthetics
- For Self Expression

MAN AND NATURE (Bloom Series)

Title: Black II

Medium: Oil on canvas

Size: 36x48 inches

Year: 2023



Title: Mother Nature
Medium: Oil on canvas
Size: 24x30 inches
Year: 2022



Title: Soulmates
Medium: Oil on canvas
Size: 24x30 inches
Year: 2022



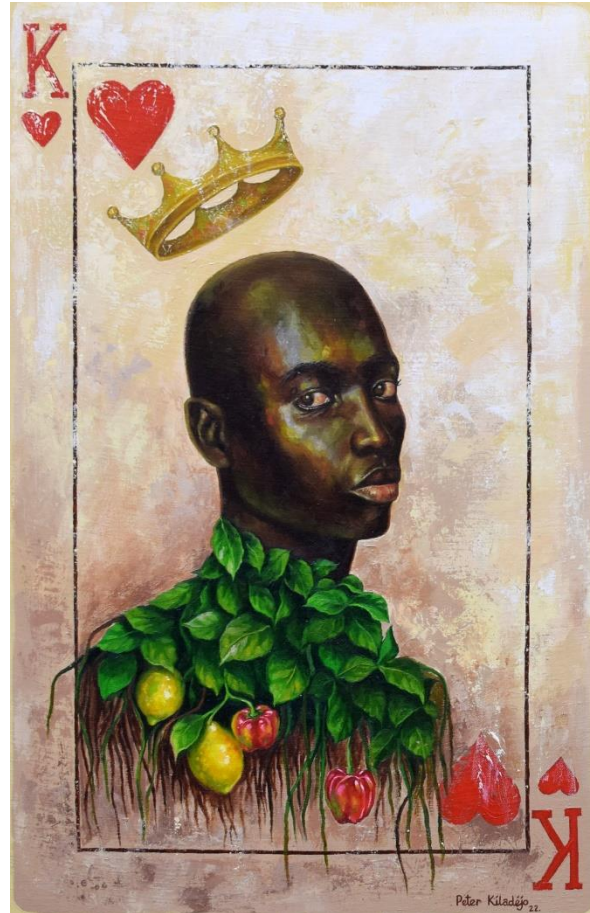
Title: In The Beginning
Medium: Oil on canvas
Size: 24x30 inches
Year: 2022



Title: Black I
Medium: Oil on canvas
Size: 36x48 inches
Year: 2022



Title: King of Hearts and Queen of Hearts
Medium: Oil on canvas
Size: 30x40 inches
Year: 2022



MAN AND NATURE (Playmate Series)

Title: Tug of War

Medium: Oil on canvas

Size: 36x48 inches

Year: 2022



Title: The Gaze
Medium: Oil on canvas
Size: 17x22 inches
Year: 2022



Title: The Search
Medium: Oil on canvas
Size: 30x40 inches
Year: 2022



Title: Playmates III
Medium: Oil on canvas
Size: 30x40 inches
Year: 2022



Recycling Plastic Waste (An Artistic Perspective) Progress Shot



Progress Shot



Progress Shot



Title: Three Yoruba Heroes
Medium: Recycled Plastic
Size: 48x84 inches
Year: 2018



EFFECTS OF PLASTIC POLLUTION

- Causes Land Pollution
- Blocks Drainages
- Causes Air Pollution
- Contaminates the soil
- Contaminates rivers and ground water
- Harmful to aquatic animals

CONCLUSION

- The quality of life of humans is determined by their actions or inactions. Conscious efforts should be made to ensure the best quality of life. Green economy is possible and plastic pollution can be eradicated. While sensitization on the need to maintain a safe world should continue, structures that would ensure proper disposal and recycling of waste needs to be put in place to guarantee a cleaner and safer environment.