

Mazola Wa Mwashighadi

Biography

Patrick Mazola, known as Mazola Wa Mwashighadi, was born in Taita-Taveta District in Kenya, on April 9, 1964. He trained as a teacher at Asumbi Teachers' Training College from 1985-87 and taught from 1987 to 1990. From 1991 to 1994 Mazola attended the Creative Art Centre in Nairobi, Kenya, attaining a Diploma in Fine Art (drawing and painting).

After being awarded the Commonwealth Art and Craft Fellowship Award 1996/97 for the Africa region by the Commonwealth Foundation, he attended the Edna Manley College of the Visual and Performing Arts (1997/1998) in Kingston, Jamaica - majoring in free-form sculpture during his fellowship period. Mazola now lives and works in his adopted home, Kingston, as a multi-disciplinary artist.

Artist Statement

Echoes of calls for prayer from a multitude of loudspeakers. embedded on beautiful minarets are forever etched in my memory.

It is from here that the visuals of Khamis High School my Alma mater (which was Arab boys secondary school during Kenya's Colonial period under the British), the ancient and modern buildings of the Swahili city of Mombasa becomes the deep reservoir from within my drink.

This body of work, reflects my continued finding of my personal voice in the Mystic geometrics of my life's abstract prayer.