



Ephrem Solomon, *Untitled* (2013)

Ephrem Solomon: *Untitled Life*
21 February – 29 March 2014
Private View: Thursday, 20 February 2014, 6:30 – 8:30pm

Tiwani Contemporary presents *Untitled Life*, a selection of socio-political works using a combination of woodcut and mixed media by Ethiopian artist Ephrem Solomon. The exhibition is Solomon's debut with Tiwani Contemporary and his first in London.

Untitled Life is an ambitious body of work that speaks not only to contemporary Ethiopia but also globally. Views of the city, its histories and the people that inhabit these spaces inform his practice. Solomon's interest in a fictional world that exists beyond the present, and one that is free from the limitations of anecdotal recordings are often represented through 'untitled' characters to maintain the anonymity of the subjects and to allow viewers to identify themselves within the work. The facial expressions of these characters are not directed at anyone in particular and suggest unshared, solitary emotions.

Symbols such as chairs, slippers, and archival materials are used in a repetitive manner to address social and political tensions between governments and societies affected by regional instabilities. The ambiguity of the location and poses are carefully chosen by the artist to emulate a time of social upheaval and displacement. Isolation is often reflected in monochromatic tone, the absence of a body in chairs, or feet in slippers; bursts of colour are used to place emphasis on transition. *Untitled Life* presents observations in symbolic pieces that provide personal and political narratives beyond his locale.

Tiwani Contemporary cordially invites you to join them at the opening on:
Thursday 20 February 2014 from 6:30pm – 8:30pm
The artist will be present.

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Ephrem Solomon: Untitled Life will run from 20 February – 29 March 2014 at Tiwani Contemporary

Art Connect with Ephrem Solomon will be at 3pm on 22 February 2014 at Tiwani Contemporary

Notes to Editors

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Gallery hours are Tuesday to Friday; 11am -6pm; Saturday 12pm – 5pm

Tiwani Contemporary, founded in 2011 and based in the heart of the Fitzrovia gallery district, focuses on contemporary artists from Africa, including Nigeria, its diaspora, as well as from the Global South. The gallery's aim is to present the works of emerging and established artists through solo, group and thematic exhibitions to a London institutional, corporate and collector base. In addition to its commercial activities, Tiwani Contemporary presents *Art Connect*, a dynamic and innovative public programme of events, panel discussions and curated projects within the gallery space as well as in collaboration with other partners in London and across the UK. The programme is developed in collaboration with The Centre for Contemporary Art, Lagos and generously supported by the A.G. Leventis Foundation.