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Education

1978 Candidate MFA, African Visual Arts, University of Ghana, Legon, Ghana

1975-76 Post Graduate Studies, Graphic Design/Typography

London School of Communications (London, England)

1972-73 London Metropolitan University, The Cass, Syracuse

Abroad Program, London, England

1970-74 BFA, Printmaking (Cum Laude) Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York

Selected Solo Shows

2025 The Garden of Mi Familia, Cathedral Village, Black Arts Festival, Andora, PA

2024 Shape of My Heart, Allens Lane Art Center, Philadelphia, PA

Selected Group Shows

2024 (re)Focus, Art in City Hall, Philadelphia, PA

2023 How Art Heals, Art in City Hall, Philadelphia, PA

2018 Woodmere Annual: 77th Juried Exhibition, Woodmere Museum, Phila., PA

2018 Transforming Jazz-A visual journey, Art in City Hall, Philadelphia, PA

2017 Alumni Show, Community Folk Art Center, Syracuse, NY

2016 Good Night Sleep, The Colored Girls Museum, Philadelphia, PA

Public Art Commissions

2026 Market East Street, Mural Arts Advocate, Center City District and The City of Philadelphia, Philadelphia PA

2024 Hearts for Little Amal, The City of Philadelphia and the Office of Arts, Culture and the Creative Economy (OACCE), Philadelphia PA

2021 Ife Nii Owoo: Fans of Homage, Philadelphia Airport (PHL), Philadelphia PA

2020 Healing Heart Wall of Remembrance, City Hall Plaza, Philadelphia, PA

2019 Ogun & the People, multi-media site specific Commission for Kulu Mele's premiere performance at Annenberg Theatre, funded by Pew Center for Arts and Heritage, Philadelphia, PA

2018 Elephants on the Avenue: Race, Class, and Community in Historic Germantown,

funded by Pew Center for Arts and Heritage, Philadelphia, PA

2017 READ: Pathway to hope, Free Library of Philadelphia, Logan Branch Library, Philadelphia, PA

2010 The President's House: Commemorative Site, Independence National Historical Park, Philadelphia, PA

Grants / Awards/Residencies

2022 Leeway Foundation, Leeway Transformation Award (TLA), Philadelphia, PA

2020 Leeway / Fleisher Residency, Leeway Foundation & Fleisher Art Memorial, Philadelphia, PA

2007 Leeway Foundation, Change Grant Award, Philadelphia, PA

Publications

2023 "Precarious Solidarities: Artists for Democracy 1974-77 "(pages 78-85) Exhibition Histories published by Afterall, University of Arts in London, England

2020 "Art as a Mass Political Weapon, The Poster Collective (1972–1982)", London,

England 1992 "A is for Africa: Looking at Africa through the Alphabet" Children's Picture Book Published by the Africa World Press, Princeton, NJ

Selected Collections

Molefi Kete Asante Institute (MKAI)

Vashti Dubois / Colored Girls Museum

Charles Fuller Collection

Nixon Foundation Collection

The Lewis Tanner Moore Collection

Adrian Moody Collection

Professional Organizations

Germantown Artist Roundtable, member

Greene Street Artist Cooperative Board (GSAC), President

The Center for Emerging Visual Artist (CFEVA), member

The Bethel Burying Ground Memorial Advisory Committee, member

Professional Teaching and Community Engagement

2026: Art Heals: COMHAR Mental Health Organization, Philadelphia PA

2025-26 Unfolding Stories: Mixed Media and Memory, Center in the Park, Philadelphia PA

2024-25 Fans of Homage: Celebrating legacy through Art, New Courtland Fellowship, CFEVA, Philadelphia, PA

2025-present Teaching Artist, Allen's Lane Art Center

2023-24 Teaching Artist, New Courtland Fellow/Center for Emerging Visual Artist (CFEVA)

2022 Panelist: Celebration of Harriet Tubman: The Power of Public Art: Connecting People,

Place, and Story, The City's Office of Arts, Culture and the Creative Economy (OACCE)
2019 Ogun + the People Community Engagement Workshop, African American Museum in Philadelphia

2017 Explosion Book Workshop, Elephants on the Avenue Community Engagement Project, Concord School Historic House, Philadelphia, PA

2016 Behind Hidden Doors Tunnel Book Workshop, Elephants on the Avenue Community Engagement Project, La Salle University Art Museum, Philadelphia, PA

1988-94 Adjunct Associate Professor, Moore College of Art and Design

Press

<https://resolvephilly.org/gih/ife-nii-owoo/>

<https://www.chestnuthilllocal.com/stories/shape-of-my-heart-is-a-vibrant-mixed-media-odyssey,33769>

<https://www.phl.org/at-phl/art-exhibitions/art-exhibitions/lfe-nii-owoo>

<https://thepointsguy.com/news/art-exhibit-phl-airport-ife-nii-owoo/>

Website /Social media links:

<https://www.ifestudio3.com/>

<https://www.instagram.com/ifestudio13/>

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