

EXHIBITION

When feet whisper dreams

25 January - 15 March

TESPRIT



GALLERY SOVIEW

Vénavi II, 180x120cm Tesprit

When Feet Whisper Dreams takes us into the poignant world of Foli Kossi Gérard TETE, known as Tesprit. This artist, who has risen to prominence on the African and international art scenes since his first solo show in 2021 right here in Ghana at our gallery, returns for a second solo exhibition, showcasing the maturity and evolution of his flip-flop sole sculpture technique on canvas.

Tesprit is one of the artists who made a lasting impression at the 2022 edition of AKAA in Paris. A self-taught artist born in 1994 in Lomé, Tesprit innovates with his unique technique of sculpting flip-flop soles onto canvas. Without adding any other materials or colors, he uses the hues and textures of the flip-flops to tell stories—stories of the streets of Lomé and other African cities. He transports us to childhood, to the lives of African children full of creativity and invention. These street children of Togo, despite facing immense challenges, embody courage and hope.

In his work, Tesprit collects worn flip-flops from the dumps of Lomé. Each sole tells a unique story—of steps taken, hope found, or dreams shattered—transforming these objects into true life archives. Each sole, worn by time and the paths it has traveled, becomes a sculptural element bearing silent stories. These soles narrate daily struggles but also the joy and solidarity that define the streets of Lomé and the lives of the Dzimakplao (street children).

The anonymous portraits that populate Tesprit's canvases are deliberately faceless, symbolizing the social invisibility of these children. Yet his works do not dwell in fatalism: they are intentionally colorful and luminous, conveying a message of hope and future possibilities. Each composition invites deep reflection on human dignity and the capacity to transcend societal limitations. The choice of flip-flops as the primary medium is not incidental. In Mina, his mother tongue, the word "Dzimakplao" refers to both street children and flip-flops. Flip-flops, worn by all social classes, thus become a universal symbol that transcends cultural and social boundaries.

When Feet Whisper Dreams is an exhibition where color blends with melancholy and hope. Tesprit creates a dialogue between the artist and the viewer, a conversation where each work is a return to childhood, imbued with empathy and compassion. Far from merely highlighting harsh realities, his sculptures carry a message of hope: a future where the marginalized take part in shaping their own lives.

By repurposing discarded materials into works of art, Tesprit emphasizes the importance of transformation and renewal. Each sole, each composition, is an elevation, an affirmation that every life matters. This exhibition is an invitation to look beyond appearances and to recognize the strength and beauty present in even the most fragile journeys.

Tesprit reminds us, with emotion and power, that small feet, no matter how tired and worn, continue to whisper dreams that deserve to be heard.

We are proud to present, at the start of 2025, one of the incredible artists from our roster, whose remarkable career continues to make the young African contemporary art scene shine.



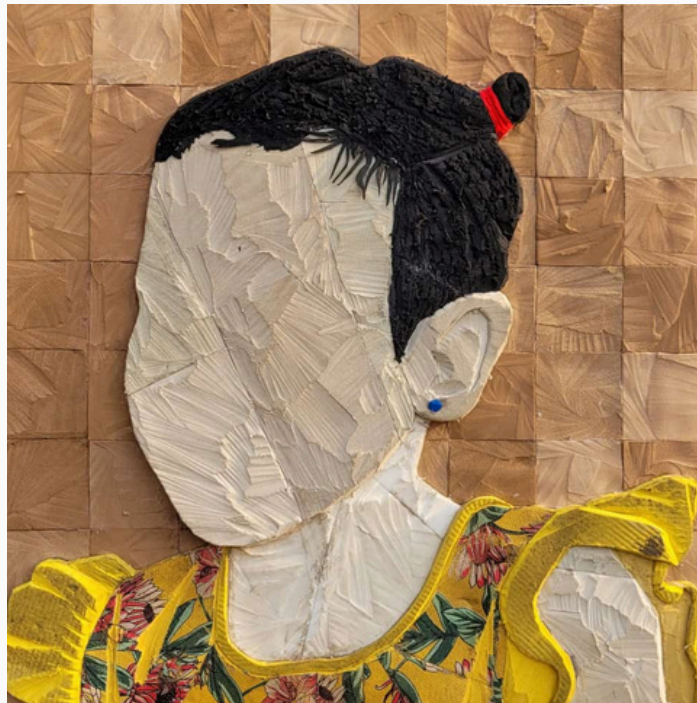
Adoude

Flip flops on canvas

40x40 cm

2023

2100\$



Anokovi
Flip flops on canvas
40x40 cm
2023

2100\$



Dogbéda

Flip flops on canvas

60x60 cm

2023

3100\$



Akofa

Flip flops on canvas

60x60 cm

2023

3100\$



Sébla II

Flip flops on canvas

60x60 cm

2023

3100\$



Vénavi II

Flip flops on canvas

180x120 cm

2023

13 500\$



Améton madoha II

Flip flops on canvas

180x120 cm

2023

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SOLO SHOW

WHEN FEET WHISPER DREAMS

25 January - 15 March

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Time: 10:00 AM

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