

**KUONYESHA ART
FUND – 2025
PARTNERS**

PRESS RELEASE



The Kuonyesha Art Fund, managed by CivFund, an Afro-feminist fund based in Uganda serving the African continent and operating as the grantmaking arm of CivSource Africa, proudly announces its 2025 partners.

Guided by a distinguished Advisory Committee of renowned artists, cultural practitioners, and arts champions, Kuonyesha (“to show” in Swahili) continues to elevate, highlight, and celebrate arts practice across Uganda and the African continent. Since 2019, the Fund has supported over 250 arts projects across a wide range of disciplines, from visual arts and literature to performance, film, and design, while accompanying artists with capacity-building and community-centered storytelling.

Kuonyesha invests in artists as catalysts of social change, radical imagination and community resilience, supporting practice, process, and visibility. In addition to the grants, the Fund accompanies partners with clinics, workshops, peer learning, and practical support in marketing, branding, intellectual property knowledge, financial management basics for creatives/artists, and the digital arts economy, keeping artists abreast and at the center of their stories and career professional development. Serving as a referee to all artists, Kuonyesha also connects artists to spaces of networking and movement building to buttress the artists growth and professionalism.

This year’s cohort reflects Kuonyesha’s commitment to inclusion, cross-border collaboration, and artistic excellence and innovation, with 26 selected artists from Uganda and across Africa, with 65.3% being female-led . The 2025 partners bring forward innovative projects in intentional disability-inclusive arts, film and documentary, fashion and sustainable design, theatre, dance, ceramics, poetry and literature, music, recycling/eco-art, and more. Big congratulations to the winning artists!

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No.	Name	Location/Country	Gender	Category
1	Aber Gloria Ayaa	Gulu ,Uganda	Female	Disability & Inclusive Arts
2	Akumu Susan	Gulu, Uganda	Female	Film
3	Emmanuel Ssekitto Kalule	Kampala, Uganda	Male	Painting & Ceramics
4	Godfrey Katende	Kampala, Uganda	Male	Fashion
5	Kenneth Kanaabi	Kampala, Uganda	Male	Design / Functional Art
6	Nambalirwa Joana	Kampala, Uganda	Female	Dance & Film
7	Onyang Joshua (PWD)	Kampala , Uganda	Male	Cartoon Animation
8	Rashida Muwanika Namulondo	Kampala, Uganda	Female	Literature / Poetry
9	Teko Mary Rita	Moroto, Uganda	Female	Heritage Crafts
10	Adongo Adelaine Dorothy	Kaabong, Uganda	Female	Fashion-Menstrual health
11	Dorcas Chelan and Jane Chorey	Amudat, Uganda	Female	Heritage Crafts
12	Lokure Deborah	Nakapiripirit, Uganda	Female	Jewelry
13	Korobe Sarah	Moroto, Uganda	Female	Fashion
14	Nakiru Grace	Karenga, Uganda	Male	Heritage Crafts
15	Pedo Loyce	Napak, Uganda	Female	Fashion: Beading and Crocheting Handbags
16	Okello Carlson Edwin	Kotido, Uganda	Male	Videography for Education, Peace, and Anti-Early Marriage Advocacy
17	Alice Mune	Kenya	Female	Visual Arts / Illustration

18	Aluwa Mkilindi	Tanzania	Male	Theatre Performance
19	Amine Dhouibi	Tunisia	Male	Music
20	Aneshenwi Hanna (PWD)	Cameroon	Female	Documentary Film Production
21	Angella Ilibagiza	Rwanda	Female	Visual Art; Painting
22	Ashley Njeri Maina	Kenya	Female	Fashion Design (Sustainable Fashion)
23	Brian Otieno	Kenya	Male	Photography & Visual Storytelling
24	Crista Uwase	Rwanda	Female	Painting and Collage arts
25	Merciana Anyango	Kenya	Female	Recycling/Visual Art
26	Juliet Apiah	Ghana	Female	Recycling / Visual Art

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