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COLUMN OF RHYTHM | TADESSE MESFIN

ADDIS FINE ART, LONDON

13 October - 12 November 2022

Addis Fine Art is delighted to announce the second European solo exhibition by Tadesse Mesfin, to open in October and coincide with Frieze and 1-54 in London. Tadesse's place in Ethiopian contemporary art history is two-fold. Not only is Tadesse a phenomenal artist in his own right, but he has also educated several generations of artists during his almost four-decade tenure as a teacher at the Addis Ababa art school. His latest show, *Column of Rhythm*, is a continuation of his work celebrating smallholder trader women who form the backbone of Ethiopia's agrarian communities.

Tadesse's latest work is a continuation of his ongoing series celebrating the women who work as small-holder vendors in markets scattered across Ethiopian cities, who can typically be found standing or crouched down with their agricultural produce scattered in front of them, hoping to entice the eye of potential customers. As a visual paean to them, Tadesse places their occupations and personae front and centre, and the viewer is encouraged to appreciate their importance to the communities they serve.



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NOTES FOR THE EDITOR

About Addis Fine Art

In 2016, Rakeb Sile and Mesai Haileleul co-founded Addis Fine Art, creating the first white-cube gallery space for modern and contemporary art in Ethiopia. Described as one of the "Most Important Young Galleries in the World" (Artsy 2019), the gallery has since then grown to become one of the leading galleries in Africa, establishing a prominent international platform for artists from the Horn of Africa.

In October 2021, the gallery moved into an expanded premises in London, a two-storey gallery space in the heart of Fitzrovia. The London gallery programme encapsulates Addis Fine Art's commitment to heightened international exposure for, and critical reappraisal of, African art on the world stage. The gallery's Addis Ababa space continues to be an incubator for emerging talent, facilitating critical engagement within the local market and encouraging the growth and development of the artworld ecosystem on the continent. The gallery will also serve as a space for artists from the diaspora to return to the continent and share and develop their practice.

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