

# Gallery 1957

**Cornelius Annor**

## **A FAMILY AFFAIR**

**26th January - 28th February 2021**

**Gallery 1957, Ghana**



Cornelius Annor. *Ludu*, 2020. Acrylic, fabric and fabric transfer on canvas. 150 x 110 cm.

Gallery 1957 are pleased to present works by Ghanaian artist Cornelius Annor (b.1990) in his first solo show, 'A Family Affair' in Accra from January 26 to February 28 2021.

In his multi-figured paintings, Cornelius Annor explores his familial history, draws from his childhood memories and depicts scenes of a vibrant everyday life. The protagonists are often staged in distinctively Ghanaian domestic settings and offer a glimpse to very intimate moments of gathering, leisure and entertainment. Whether reading bedtime stories, watching the TV,

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dining or relaxing, Annor's figures lean on each other with warmth and generosity. These seemingly mundane moments of familiarity encourage the eye to drift on the canvas and the fabric, and to pay attention to the details of his fabric transfer technique. Similar to photographs that obtain texture over time, Annor's paintings encompass the past and the present by creating a dialogue between tradition and contemporaneity, older and younger generations.

## About the artist

Cornelius Annor is a portrait and figurative painter and an art teacher. He completed his fine art studies at Ghanatta College of Art and Design. From an early age, Annor had a strong fascination for the human face and figure and constantly sketched the faces of his family, friends and even strangers he encountered. With the encouragement of his college art teachers and family, Annor fully realized that his career was evolving around portraiture and figuration. Annor has a keen sense of observation, and an ability to bring out the beauty of a human figure. C.Annor studio is used to nurture the talents in young and upcoming artists.

## About Gallery 1957

Based in Accra and working internationally, Gallery 1957 has a curatorial focus on West Africa. Presenting a programme of exhibitions, installations and performances by the region's most significant artists, the gallery serves as a vital platform, promoting West Africa's presence within the art scene by hosting ambitious exhibitions, providing resources for residencies and participating in international art fairs. Founded by Marwan Zakhem in 2016, Gallery 1957 has evolved from over 15 years of private collecting. The gallery now hosts two spaces in Accra – one in the Kempinski Hotel and another in Galleria Mall – and a London outpost in Hyde Park Gate.

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## Exhibition:

**Dates:** 26th January - 28th February

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