

ELIKEM LOGAN JOINS THE MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN ART DEPARTMENT AT OLYMPIA AUCTIONS



Elikem Logan

London, UK: The Modern and Contemporary African and Middle Eastern Art Department at Olympia Auctions is delighted to announce the appointment of Elikem Logan as a consultant specialising in paintings and sculpture from Africa and its diaspora. He will be working with Head of Department, Janet Rady.

Having previously worked within the African Modern & Contemporary Department at Sotheby's, Elikem brings extensive expertise across academia, research, and the art market. His research interests span the politico-cultural, legal, and intellectual history of West Africa, with a particular focus on modernism and its postcolonial trajectories. He holds an MA in Art History and Management and an MLitt in Legal and Constitutional Studies from the University of St Andrews, as well as an MSc in African Studies from the University of Oxford. Elikem is also active at the forefront of art historical discourse, contributing to research initiatives such as the Argyll Project, and has spoken at the Oxford Africa Summit. He has lectured at both Christie's Education and Sotheby's Institute of Art.

Head of Department Janet Rady comments 'I am delighted to welcome Elikem who will oversee the paintings and sculpture from Sub-Saharan Africa and its diaspora in our twice-yearly sales of Modern and Contemporary African and Middle Eastern Art; he brings with him huge knowledge and experience and will be a real asset to the Department.'

Managing Director of Olympia Auctions Thomas Del Mar adds 'Elikem's appointment further increases our range of expertise in the Pictures Department and will no doubt help us reach new audiences for this vibrant and hugely varied collecting area. I am thrilled to welcome him to the team.'

Each spring and autumn, the Modern and Contemporary African and Middle Eastern Department hold tightly curated, live and online auctions. African artists featured have ranged from modern masters such as Ablade Glover, Inji Efflatoun and Sam Ntiro to contemporary artists George Lilanga, Jilali Gharbaoui, Famakan Magassa, Christano Mangovo and Oluwole Omofemi. The Department organises talks and panels promoting the many different concepts, cultures and traditions represented. This auction season the Modern and Contemporary African and Middle Eastern Art Auction takes place on 29th October 2025 coinciding with the Nigerian Modernism Exhibition at the Tate Modern.

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