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Lagos is certainly a city which never fails to stimulate the senses. Daily life in this place does not just drift by....it comes at you, fast and full of chaos and complexity. No day is identical. Sometimes good, sometimes not so, but always full of action! Everywhere you look! The people, the places, the "Go Slow", the markets, the noise.

Is it possible to capture all of this on one canvas? Yes!

One such artist, Jonathan Lessor, has produced such works, which are unique in capturing the action....the colours....and the shapes which I see every day here in Lagos. I never tire of looking at these works, and when my time in Lagos comes to an end, these images will provide me with memories, mostly good, sometimes frustrating.....but certainly memorable.

I, along with some friends and colleagues, visited Jonathan earlier this year, at his home in Otta, on the outskirts of Lagos. His wife, Esther and children - Arome, Yerome and Tega gave us a typically warm Nigerian welcome which we will never forget.

Having discussed each of our requirements, I looked forward to the day when I would see my own personal perspective of Lagos life reproduced on canvas. One month later, Jonathan arrived with the paintings, and as they were placed on the blank wall spaces, my home suddenly took on new life.

I now have Danfos, Molue's Okadas and Keke Napeps in my living room....Marina skyscrapers, churches and expressways in my hallway....and markets, food stalls and street vendors in my dining room!

Lagos life will always be around me, no matter where my travels take me.

Allan Wallace





Jonathan 'Mavua' Lessor was born on 26th November, 1960 in Warri, Delta State, Nigeria. He had his early education in Warri, Delta State and higher education at the Auchi Polytechnic, Auchi. In 1986, he graduated with a Higher National Diploma (HND), Upper Credit in painting and completed his National Youth Service at the Federal College of Education, Abeokuta in 1986 - 1987.

Exhibitions

- Homage to Olumo - Abeokuta, 1987
- Consciousness of Form - Signature Art Gallery, Lagos, December, 1988
- Colour Amidst Squalor - Obi's Gallery, May, 2001
- The Muson Festival Show - Muson Center, Lagos, 1999
- Anderson Consulting Exhibition - Chartered Bank House, Lagos, 2001
- D. N. A. 2001 (Nigeria) - Abuja, December, 2001
- The Train - National Museum, Lagos, November, 2002
- Colour Masters - National Museum, Lagos, March, 2005
- Tones of Light - Signature Art & Interior Design, Lagos, November, 2005

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Roof Tops
Oil on canvas, 102cm x 102cm



Broad Street I
Oil on canvas, 113cm x 89cm



Broad Street II
Oil on canvas, 113cm x 89cm



Ekpe Fish Market
Oil on canvas, 113cm x 89cm



The Settlers
Oil on canvas, 113cm x 89cm





"Molue" Train
Oil on canvas, 102cm x 113cm

A Visit to Idumota
Oil on canvas, 113cm x 102cm





I have arranged and formed my pictures from inspirations around my immediate physical environment, making the social, economic and cultural attractions my focal points.

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The rig models on these pages were constructed by Mr. Tobias Lessor. They could be used as induction materials for rig trainees. They also stand out as excellent pieces of art. Tobias holds a bachelors degree in Mechanical Engineering.

MINIATURE RIG MODEL 1 Inland water drilling Rig



SPECIFICATIONS:

- Length 52-1/2 inches
- Width 20-3/4 inches
- Height 67 inches (Mast up)
- Height 39-1/2 inches (Mast down)

MINIATURE RIG MODEL 2

Land drilling Rig



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SPECIFICATIONS:
- Height 48 inches (4 feet)
- Occupies a table space of 6 x 4 feet
when assembled

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