

Umoja Prize for Contemporary Tanzanian Artist

Umoja Prize for Contemporary Tanzanian Artist (UPCTA) is a [competition](#), [exhibition](#) and [award](#) held each year for [visual arts](#) in [Tanzania](#). It is one of the most important art awards in Tanzania.^[1] First offered in 2007 by the Umoja Foundation for the Arts.^[2] Umoja Foundation has sponsored the event since 2007 so it is often known as the Umoja Prize. It rewards Tanzanian artists under 40 in [contemporary art](#).^[3]

The competition is open to all [artists](#) under 40, it features artists from all over Tanzania. Its goal is to show the best indigenous art in the country. The works can be in any media, including [paintings](#) (on bark, canvas and paper), prints, [sculpture](#), [textiles](#), weaving, ceramics, glass, [photography](#), [digital media](#) and [video](#).

The first prize of Tsh 3,000 000 is awarded to the work considered the best in the show. Smaller prizes of Tsh 1,000 000 each are awarded in four categories.

List of winners

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Year	Winner	Region
2007	Mussa Owiyo	Arusha
2008	Anna Maliki	Dodoma
2009	Mwahangila Baraka	Mbeya
2010	Issack Shayo	Moshi
2011	Ally Salum	Zanzibar
2012	Yohanna Mwenda	Dar es salaam
2013	Zainab Said	Zanzibar
2014	Adam Aloyce	Mtwara
2015	Sam Ntiro	Moshi
2016	Thobias Minzi	Mwanza
2017	Mwandale Mwanyekwa	Dar es salaam
2018	Hamza Khalfani	Zanzibar
2019	Adamson John	Arusha
2020	Simon Rieber ^[4]	Dar es salaam
2021	Mary Chrisopher	Arusha

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