



Eyayu Genet

Ethiopian Artist

Boulder City Library Lecture and Exhibition
"Ethiopia: Land of Colors"
Tuesday, May 24, 2016, 6:30 pm



Eyayu Genet was born in Durbete, 470km north of the capital Addis Ababa. He earned a bachelors degree in Economics from Bahir Dar University in 2007, then joined Addis Ababa University Alle School of Fine Arts and Design.

Eyayu's vivid and expressive paintings take inspiration from culture, life, joy, and sorrow. He uses semi- abstract objects mostly depicted from Ethiopian rural scenes, architectural and cultural elements. His works have received widespread recognition and awards, including an exhibition at the National Museum of Ethiopia in October 2015. Eyayu's contribution to the developing art culture in Ethiopia is exemplified in his work in Bahir Dar, where he teaches art at Bahir Dar University.

In this talk, he describes the context of his work in the arc of Ethiopian art from pre-Christian art to Church paintings and contemporary representations. He explains the inspiration of his work and the techniques he uses. The talk will be accompanied by a display of 10 of his paintings.