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Date of Birth: 5th September 1984

Nationality: Ghanaian

Education:

- 2009-2013: University of Education, Winneba, Ghana. Bachelor of Arts (Art Education)
- 2000-2003: Ashaiman Senior Secondary School (Visual Arts)

Teaching Internship:

Achimota Senior High School, Accra, Ghana 2012-2013

National Service:

Teaching Assistant, University of Education, Winneba, Ghana 2013-2014

Leadership Experience:

- Jury member of Watercolor Without Borders, Istanbul, Turkey 2022
- Country head of International Watercolor Society (IWS) / President of IWS Ghana branch
- Ex Board Member of the Art Society Advisory Committee, University of Education, Winneba, Ghana 2011-2012
- Ex Board of Juries/Member of International Watercolour Society
- Ex International Ambassador for International Students Festival in Trondheim (ISFIT), Norway, 2013

Awards/Honour/ Prize:

- First African Watercolourist to receive the Award Cash Prize Winner of Prix des Peintres du Moulin (Painters of the Mill Award) at the Troisieme Biennale Internationale d' Aquarelle de Coquelles BIAC, France 2022
- 2nd Placed Winner in the Holbein Watercolor Competition, Turkey 2020
- Honourable Mentioned Award at the 1st International Watercolor Biennale 2018. Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- The 2nd International Watercolor Biennale Appreciation Award, Pakistan, 2018
- Golden Brush Contest Winner during the 6th International "Love, Tolerance and Peace Through Art", Gaziantep, Turkey 2017
- Was award a member of the jury committee of International Watercolor Society (IWS) contest held in Seferihisar Municipality, Izmir, Turkey 2016
- National Award Winner of Osagyefo Dr. Kwame Nkrumah African Genius Awards (Young Icons Category) 2014
- Among eight selected winners mentioned in the International Triennial Watercolor Exhibition. Peru, Colombia. 2014
- 1st Place Winner; Istanbul Watercolor Society/Istanbul Suluboya Toplulugu, Turkey (The Best Watercolor Painting of Month of May Contest. 2013)
- Second Diploma Awarded by The St. Petersburg Watercolor Society, Russia, 2013
- Romania Portrait and Caricature Personalities Award. 2011

Exhibitions/Participations:

- American Watercolor Society, 155 Annual International Exhibition, USA 2022 *(First African Watercolourist to be accepted into American Watercolour Society Annual International Exhibition.)
- Troisieme Biennale Internationale d' Aquarelle de Coquelles BIAC, France 2022
- 5eme Biennale Internationale Breizh Aquarelle, Breizh, France 2022
- The Premium Art Exhibition, Sound Out by Ghana Export Promotion Authority, Ghana 2021
- The First Wuyuan International exhibition by Re-Interpretation 2021
- Artxlagos, Nigeria, Represented by Nubuke Foundation Gallery, Accra, Ghana, 2020
- Reflection of Ghana, Artgatevr Gallery Space, Toronto, Canada 2020
- Festival International Confluences, Aiguillon, France, 2020
- Re-Interpretation- Zhuhai (China) International Watercolor Exhibition 2020
- 2020 Nanning International Watercolor Exhibition, Guangxi Art Museum
- The Bridge International Contemporary Artists, Organised by Faculty of Fine Art, National Academy of Arts, Culture and Heritage/ASWARA, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 2020
- Re-Interpretation Watercolor Exhibition (Shanghai), China 2020
- International Watercolor Society Museum, Xian Art, China 2019
- Art Thessaloniki International Contemporary Art Fair, (IWS Greece), Greece 2019
- Re-Interpretation Zhuhai (China) International Watercolor Exhibition, China 2019
- Watercolor International Exhibition, Kosovo 2019
- World of High Watercolor, Russia 2019
- The Silk Road International Arts Festival, Xi'An, China 2019
- Taicang Invitational Exhibition, Taicang, China 2019
- The 3rd International Watercolor Biennale IWS Vietnam, 2019
- XIII Biennial International De La Acuarela, Ecuador 2019
- 1st International Watercolor Biennale, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 2018
- James Town Café Exhibition (Prince Charles and Camilla Duchess of Cornwall visit to Ghana), Accra, Ghana, 2018
- 11th Festival International Confluences Aquarelles and Carnets de Voyage, Aiguillon,, France 2018
- The Fifth Silk Road International Arts Festival, Xian City, China 2018
- Trienal International de la Acuarela, Santa Marta- Colombia 2018
- Artisan Bazaar, USA Embassy, Accra, Ghana. 10th May 2018
- “Up in the Air” Watercolor National Museum in Mexico City, Mexico 2018
- 2nd International Watercolor Biennale, Pearls of Peace through Watercolor, Pakistan 2018
- 2017 International Contemporary Watercolor Exhibition, Anshan, China 2017
- 6th International “Love, Tolerance and Peace Through Art” Gaziantep, Turkey 2017
- The 1st Nanning China International Watercolor Exhibition (Song of Water). Organized by Guangxi Arts University, Nanning, China, 2016
- HuaHin BluPort Watercolor Art Biennale, Thailand 2016
- Festival International de l'Aquarelle et du Carnet de Voyage, Aiguillon, France 2016
- The World Through Art: International Watercolor Exhibition in Moscow (Russia), 2016
- Re-Interpretation 2016: International Contemporary Watercolor Exhibition Tour in China 2016
- FabrianoInAcquarello Watercolor Exhibition, Italy 2016
- Pearls of Peace Through Watercolor, Pakistan, 2016
- Wiz Art International Watercolor Biennale, Albania, 2015
- International Watercolor Society Exhibition, Turkey 2015
- FabrianoInAcquarello Watercolor Exhibition. Italy 2015

- Transilvania Art Gallery Expozitie De Acuarela “Ghana”, Brasov, Romania, Europe 2015 (Solo Exhibition)
- The World Watercolor Triennial Exhibition, South Korea. 2014
- International Watercolor Triennial Exhibition. Colombia. 2014
- Qingdao International Watercolor Biennial, Qingdao Art Museum, China 2014
- Expozitie De Arta Africana, Castelul Cantacuzino, Romania, Europe, 2014 (Solo)
- World Watermedia Exposition, Thailand 2014
- Ghanacuarela, Imbold Gallery, Romania. Europe. April, 2014 (Solo)
- African Essence, Biodunomolayo Art Gallery Lagos, Nigeria, 2014 (Solo)
- International Watercolor Society, Turkey 2012, 2013, 2014
- The Lords of the Arts, Kama Conference Centre. Koforidua, Ghana
- The Feedback, University of Education, Winneba, 2014 (Group)
- On Shore Art Exhibition, Blue Diamond Hotel, Ghana 2013
- Istanbul Watercolor Society/Istanbul Suluboya Toplulugu. Sirket-I Hayriye Art Gallery, Kadikoy, Istanbul, Turkey 2013
- New Dawn Art Exhibition, University of Education, Winneba, Ghana 2013
- Beautiful Ghana, Samsung Week Celebration, National Theatre, Accra, Ghana, 2011
- Cartoonists Association in Romania, Portrait and Caricature Romania, 2011
- International Students Festival in Trondheim; Global Street Art, Norway 2011
- Talento Expo, University of Ghana, 2011
- Talento Expo, University of Education, Winneba, 2010
- Art Week Exhibition, University of Education, Winneba 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008
- Treasures of the Rubbles, University of Education, Winneba, 2010
- Pages of the Mind, Novotel Accor Hotel Accra City Centre, 2007
- African Inspiration Chesley Branch Library, Canada 2007

Workshops:

- Live public demonstration at the 5eme Biennale Internationale Breizh Aquarelle, Breizh, France 2022
- Live public demonstration at Coquelles Biennale Internationale de l’Aquarelle, Coquelles, France 2022
- Coquelles Biennale Internationale de l’Aquarelle, Coquelles, France 2022
- Open Day Watercolor Seminar, workshop, demonstration at Achimota Senior High School, Achimota, Accra, Ghana 2019
- Open Day Watercolor Seminar, workshop, demonstration at Kwabenya Senior High School, Kwabenya, Accra, Ghana 2019
- Live workshop public demonstration at Festival International de l’Aquarelle et du Carnet de Voyage, Aiguillon, France 2018
- Live workshop public demonstration at Festival International de l’Aquarelle et du Carnet de Voyage, Aiguillon, France 2016
- Workshop demonstrations at the International Watercolor Society festival in Seferihisar, Izmir, Turkey 2016
- Flowers in Watercolor/Acrylic workshop at Eat and Paint, Accra, Ghana 2015
- Watercolour Workshop for Mount Calvary Cross Ministry Kids, Ghana 2013
- Watercolour for Beginners, Acrylic Ghana 2013
- Watercolour Demonstration workshop, University of Education, Winneba Ghana 2013

Publications:

- American Watercolor Weekly- Staying Focused on Your Focal-point
Ghana artist Jonathan Kwegyir Aggrey demonstrates step-by-step to build up your painting in layers and drive the viewer's eye to your focal point by Kelly Kane June 4, 2018
- The Mirror Newspaper Saturday, August 14, 2021 (page 30) Aggrey, others for Sound out Premium Art Exhibition by Efia Akese.
- The Mirror Newspaper Saturday, January 11, 2020 (pages 06/27) Jonathan Kwegyir Aggrey-
Telling life stories in Watercolor. By Hadiza Nuhhu-Billa Quansah
- le Republicain Newspaper. Autour d'Aiguillon (page 27), France 2018
- The Art of Watercolor Magazine 32nd Issue (page 42-23) France 2018
- 1st International Watercolor Biennale, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 2018
- 11th Festival International Confluences Aquarelles and Carnets de Voyage, Aiguillon, France 2018
- 2nd International Watercolor Biennale, Pearls of Peace through Watercolor, catalogue (Pakistan)
- 2017 International Contemporary Watercolor Exhibition, catalogue (China)
- Wiz Art International Watercolor Biennale, catalogue (Albania)
- International Watercolor Society Exhibition, catalogue (Turkey)
- FabrianoInAcquarello Watercolor Exhibition, catalogue (Italy)
- The World Watercolor Triennial Exhibition, catalogue (South Korea)
- International Watercolor Triennial Exhibition, catalogue (Colombia)
- International Watercolor Artists Handbook for Aspiring Artists and Art Lovers Available on www.amazon.com (USA)
- Qingdao International Watercolor Biennial, China Post cards (China)
- Istanbul Watercolor Society/Istanbul Suluboya Toplulugu Catalogue (Turkey)
- International Watercolor Society, Catalogue (Turkey)
- International Watercolor Society Catalogue (Turkey)
- International Watercolor Society, Catalogue (Turkey)
- World Watermedia Exposition Catalogue (Thailand)
- Numerous local and international newspaper publications

Collectors

- Qingdao Art Museum, Qingdao, China
- Numerous art collectors around the world.

Stable Gallery Representation

- The Re-Interpretation, Shanghai, China
- Hashtag Gallery, Toronto, Canada
- Color Me Africa Fine Arts, Illinois, Chicago, USA
- The Artists Alliance Gallery, Accra, Ghana
- Berj Art Gallery, Accra, Ghana
- Nubuke Foundation, Accra, Ghana

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