

Aklilu Temesgen  
Heruy Aregawi  
Dereje Demissie



**Art Exhibition**

# Resonant Futures:

Navigating the *NOW*

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## Resonant Futures: Navigating the *NOW*

Resonant Futures: Navigating the *Now* examines the intersections between cultural legacies and contemporary experiences through the eyes of artists Aklilu, Dereje, and Heruy in the United States. Their work explores identity and memory, combining Ethiopian roots with their American experiences. Aklilu explores the traditions and symbols of African civilizations, with a particular emphasis on Ethiopian history, incorporating ancient motifs into his work to connect the past and present. Dereje's work draws viewers to a vibrant world inspired by his childhood memories and journeys, where he employs a distinct style of presenting stylized figures in unique settings. Over time, this distinctive aesthetic has grown into an enticing universe of its own. Heruy's latest works pay homage to his homeland and the various locales he has experienced on his path to the United States, reflecting the essence of these places and their impact on his personal and artistic journeys.

Together, the collective works invite viewers to consider their own connections to heritage and identity, encouraging a reflection on how personal histories and future aspirations shape our understanding of the now. In doing so, the exhibition allows visitors to recognize their own reflections in these stories of transformation, adaptation, and perseverance, making the experience both universal and personal