

OUT OF BOUNDS
Vital Voices of Africa:
A Leadership Summit for Women & Girls
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OUT OF BOUNDS celebrates 14 African women contemporary artists who, through their works of art in a variety of media, break gender barriers to offer powerful insights into the human condition and the specific needs of African societies throughout the continent.

These artists spotlight a wide range of challenges – from migration, AIDs, and the environment, to women’s opportunities and economic promise. They challenge us to rethink assumptions about the creative process in African fine art today. Works of exceptionally high quality are being produced from one end of the continent to the other. Against great odds and despite the traditional roles these artists assume – that of mother, housekeeper, cook, water carrier, economic contributor and often sole-provider – the women in this exhibition raise their artistic voices loud and clear for equality, the end of female genital mutilation, free speech, constitutional democracy and economic opportunity. The cultural riches of these works remind us that art *can* transform reality. Indeed hope rather than despair can be both seen and felt through this artistic lens.

Participating artists include: Mona El-Bayoumi (Egypt), Sofia Kifle (Ethiopia), Elsa Gebreyesus (Eritrea), Eunice Wadu (Kenya), Madame Zo (Madagascar), Sira Sissoko (Mali), Bisi Adeyemi, Peju Layiwola & Nike Okundaye (Nigeria), Rackie Diankha (Senegal), Yolanda Prinsloo, Bongile Mkhize & Mary Moeng (South Africa), Iman Shaggag Sudan), Mary Kaundo (Zimbabwe), Angele Essamba (Cameroon), Mona El-Bayoumi (Egypt), Bongu Bengu (South Africa), Sanaa Gateja (Uganda), and Roselyne Marikasi (Zimbabwe).

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