



## Bonface Macharia

Bonface is 18 years old and finished high school in 2018. He joined the Uweza Art Gallery in 2019 after finishing school. His older brother, Syimon Kibe, is also an artist at the gallery. Bonface first started having an interest in drawing when he was young because he saw how good his brother was at it. While in school, he kept practicing because he was aiming to join Uweza Art Gallery like his brother. After selling a drawing to a fellow student, he was encouraged to pursue art full time.

He likes art because of the ability to use it to express yourself. He has not yet decided his favorite subjects to paint but aspires to paint portraits and paintings that people can understand and appreciate without any explanation. His biggest challenge so far in art is painting landscapes and also the length of time that passes between selling a painting.

In the future, he aspires to become a great artist and own his own gallery. He also hopes to encourage other young artists how to paint so that they can avoid bad company and bad behavior.

His message to anyone who is viewing his art: 'People think that it is easy for someone to come up with an idea of what to paint and what message to portray but artists go through a lot of difficulty to come up with great ideas.' He also encourages everyone to discover their talents so that they can become great people in society.