

'jide Aje is a Hamtramck based artist whose work reflects a deep interest in African culture, and a constant experimentation with new creative processes. Educated in Nigeria and the US, Aje has a degree in Art from the University of Ife, where his tutors were influenced by the "Zaria Rebels" - the pioneering group of artists who questioned the European syllabus at the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria around the time of Nigerian independence. (late 50's to early 60's)

Reflecting the "natural synthesis" philosophy from Zaria, Aje's own work draws its content primarily, but not exclusively, from Yoruba traditional sources, and derives from a background that contrasts rural and urban, traditional and modern, African and Western. Constantly experimenting with new materials and processes, and always seeking out new experiences and knowledge, his work is ever evolving, yet instantly recognizable. In this show he will present new mixed media pieces along with earlier works.