

**ART EDUCATION IN THE TIME OF CORONAVIRUS THE GOOD AND THE  
EVIL: A REFLECTING ON TODAY, ANTICIPATING TOMORROW**

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**ABSTRACT**

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**KEY WORDS: Art Education, Time, Coronavirus, Reflecting, and Anticipating**

## INTRODUCTION

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Genesis: the concept and the source:

An overview of coronavirus description revealed crown like virus that is invisible but capable of killing human if not handle very well on time, especially people with underline ailments. This virus was believed to have originated from Wuhan in China but due to migration spread across the globe. There are lot controversies of conspiracy trailing the virus with an insinuation of a deliberate attempt to reduce the global population. But since it cannot be substantiated it is then considered rumour. There are several reactions from different works of life to combat this common enemy of man.

Artists and artistes were not equal left behind in the struggle for fighting the virus to a stand still, as they earnestly contributed their quotas to suppress the virus if not total elimination.

Alo o! Alo o!! alo o!!!

Alo o repete

Alo o! Alo o!! alo o!!!

Alo rakafo

Kilonse oba to nse ijoye lowo lowo....Koro-koro-na ni

Kilosalagbara dole.....Koro-koro-na ni

Kilo mu politicians joko sile.....Koro-koro-na ni

Kilofa social distancing.....Koro-koro-na ni

Kilo mu sanitizer downon gogo.....Koro-koro-na ni

Kilo ti schools pa.....Koro-koro-na ni

Kilo ti soosi pa .....Koro-koro-na ni

Mosalasi dota jimoh.....Koro-koro-na ni

Karin kapo pipa lo npani.....Koro-koro-na ni

Eni ori yo odile.....Koro-koro-na ni

Lyrics interpretation in English language

Tale! Tale! ooo!

What affect Kings and Chiefs? .....coronavirus  
 What rendered the mighty and the powerful feeble,? ...coronavirus  
 What make the politicians seat at home? .....coronavirus  
 What lead to social distancing? .....coronavirus  
 What make sanitizer expensive?.....coronavirus  
 What closed down the schools?..... coronavirus  
 What locked the churches' door?.....coronavirus  
 Mosques is now the enemy of Jamaal..... coronavirus  
 What make walking together kill?.....coronavirus  
 If you escape stay at home.....coronavirus

Little time remains, coronavirus will become history

No handshaking

Wash your hands regularly

Avoid crowdy place

Little time remains, coronavirus will become history

This is summary of what has been happening for the past four months globally, when there was lockdown and everything has turned abnormal and the whole world under fang of death. And peoples are walking under the shadow of the death. Some are unfortunate while some who are victims of coronavirus narrowly escape from the claws of death.

Global Situation can be divided a long number of confirmed cases and number of confirmed death cases as follow:

- 37,109,851 confirmed cases
- 1,070,355 deaths

Breakdown of COVID 19 cases with reference to 6 continents of the world:

1. Americas 17,794,771confirmed
2. South-East Asia 7,911,036confirmed
3. Europe 6,918,265confirmed
4. Eastern Mediterranean 2,605,478confirmed
5. Africa 1,227,719confirmed
6. Western Pacific 651,841confirmed

Source: World Health Organization

[https://covid19.who.int/?gclid=Cj0KCQjw2or8BRCNARIsAC\\_ppyaDMRO0CQFudlJ0wGQg2DU74KgM16eiZ\\_Te5gkYdHqpBr8fglfDdYUaAnqDEALw\\_wcB](https://covid19.who.int/?gclid=Cj0KCQjw2or8BRCNARIsAC_ppyaDMRO0CQFudlJ0wGQg2DU74KgM16eiZ_Te5gkYdHqpBr8fglfDdYUaAnqDEALw_wcB)

Nigeria my country also has her fair share from the effect of the pandemic in areas of life-lost, schools' closure, economic lockdown as experienced globally. The data of effected people according to National Centre for Disease Controls (NCDC).

- Confirmed Cases.....60,103
- Active Cases.....7,277
- Discharged Cases.....51,711
- Death.....1,115



There is no doubt the impact of COVID-19 as suddenly change the global order, on human being irrespective of age and status, on education; from elementary education to universities and other higher education institutions, art education inclusive has not equally been spared from being affected.

*EFFECT OF CORONAVIRUS IN PLACE OF WORSHIP BEFORE AND AFTER*

*IN THE CHURCH BEFORE*



*IN THE MOSQUE BEFORE*



*IN THE CHURCH AFTER*

**Changes effected by Coronavirus**

*IN THE MOSQUE AFTER*



*Social distancing order: The first ever kind of ordination in the history of The Redeemed Christian Church of God ministers' ordination. Coutesy: RCCG Open-Air Ordination 2020.*

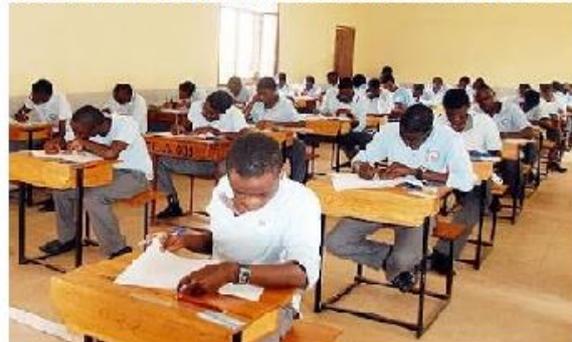
*Social distancing order the first ever in the history mosque. picture courtesy BBC Pingin, 2020*

**World order Before Coronavirus Pandemic and the New Order After**

**Social Clustering of people before the pandemic**



**Students are without mask in Classroom before the pandemic**



**Social Distancing of people During and After the pandemic**



**During and After the Pandemic wearing mask a new order**



The COVID-19 pandemic had injected deadly poison of confusion like prey caught unaware by its predator and many thrown into mourning, and struggling with death face to face. The

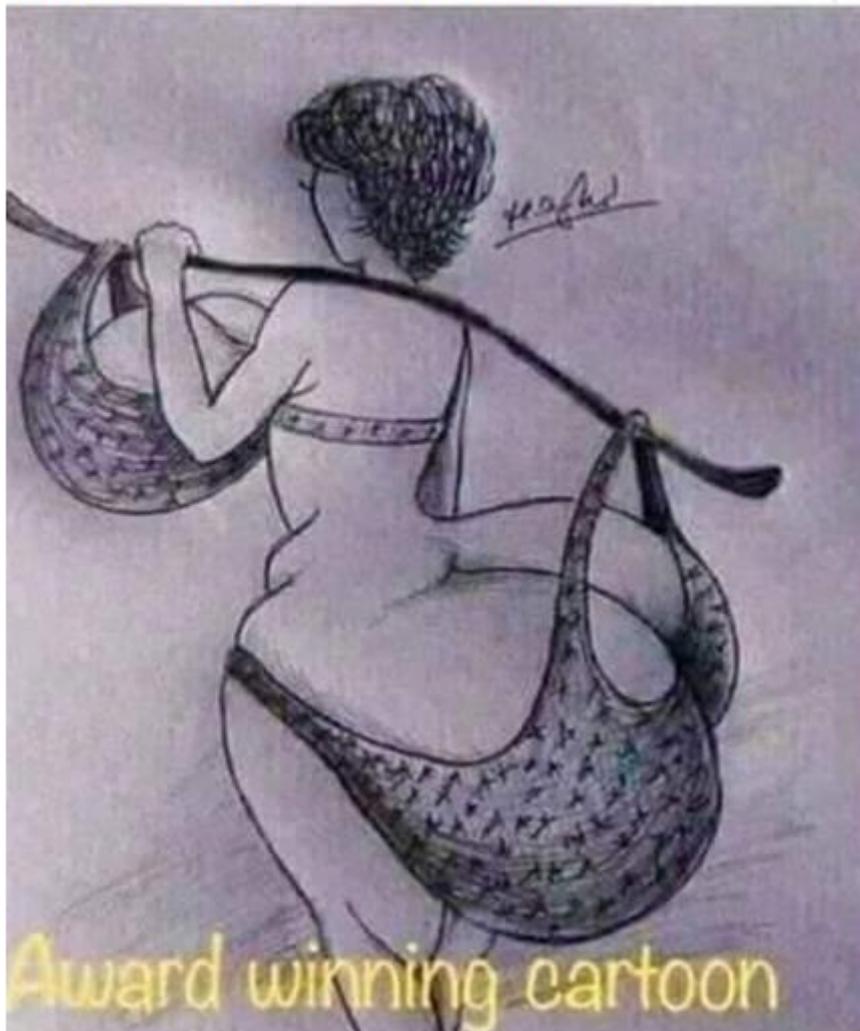
global health crisis and the uncertainty resulting from it profoundly affected art and humanity operations as well as individual artists are significant.



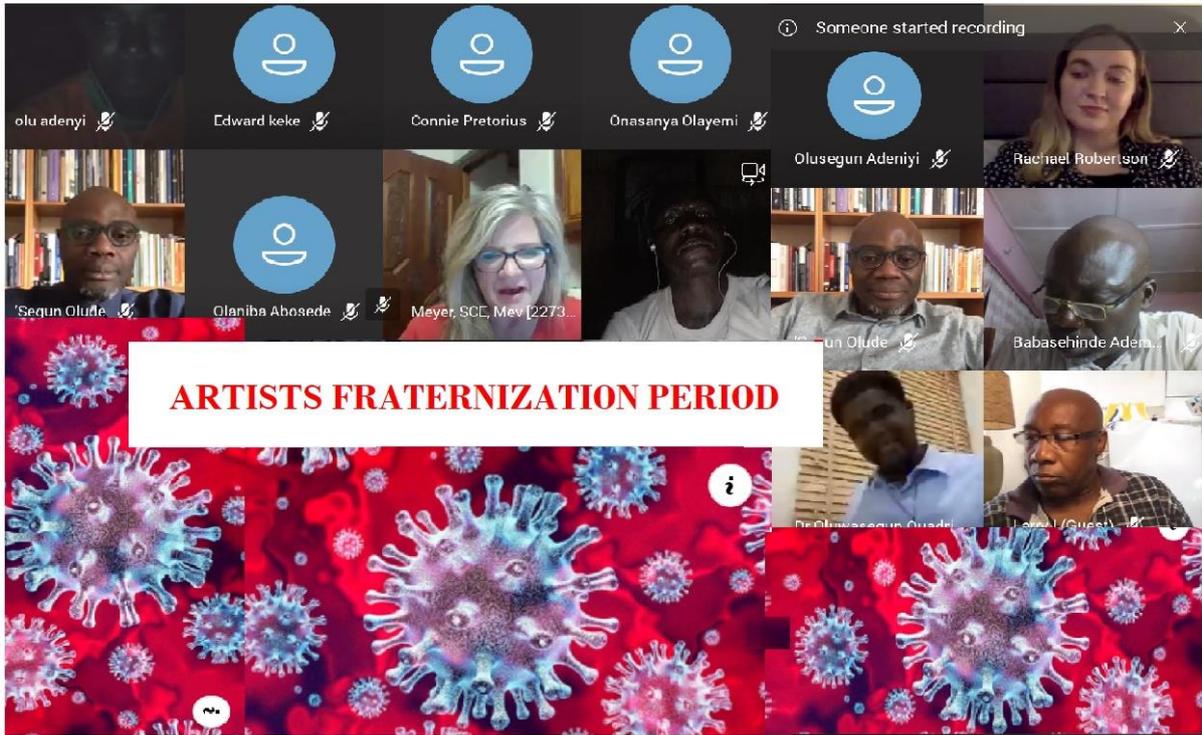
The substantial impact of COVID 19 on the arts and cultural heritage sector cannot cast aside. In this case my presentation overviewed the reaction of art and artist to the pandemic in terms of blessing attached to evil pandemic which is a gain to the art educators while reacting to the unexpected change in their art field, schools, business model with an unknown end.

Ori bibe ko loogun ori fifo...meaning ...Removing the head off the body isn't the solution to a headache....Yoruba-African proverb.

**NO MATTER HOW BIG A PROBLEM IS, IT  
MUST HAVE A SOLUTION**

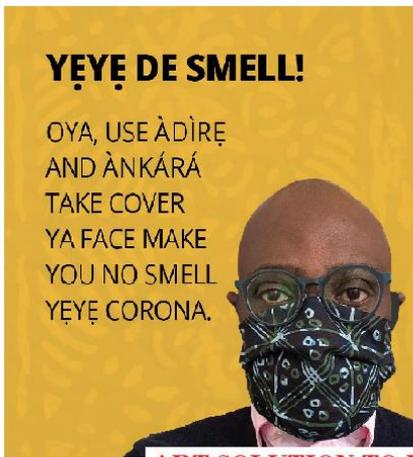


No matter how big a problem is, it must have a solution. This cartoon speaks volume of problems and challenges bedeviling the world that requires solution. One of it is coronavirus pandemic which has sent many to their early graves. But notwithstanding man will always find a way of escapes. Blessings of COVID 19 pandemic to art education



You can never change things by fighting the existing reality. To change something build a new model that made the existing model obsolete....R. Bulkminister Fuller

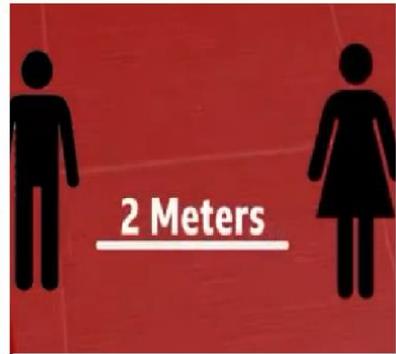
Action beget reactions, here is the reactions to some artists in response to COVID 19 pandemic by artists and artistes;



**ARTISTS CREATOR OF SOLUTION AND AWARENESS**



**ART SOLUTION TO HUMANITY CHALLENGES**



Art solution provider during COVID 19 Order of Quarantine and lockdown,



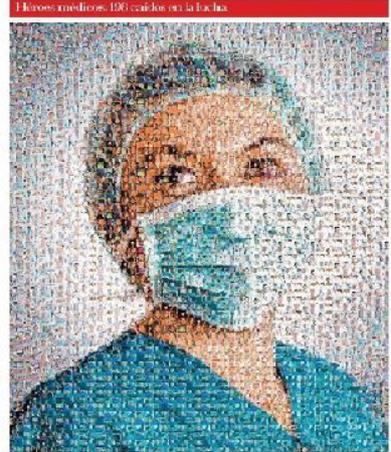
**CONFUSION INFLECTED BY COVID 19**



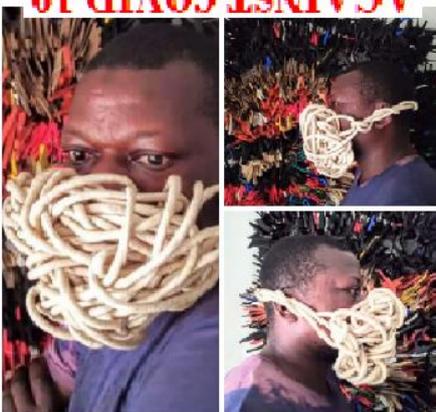
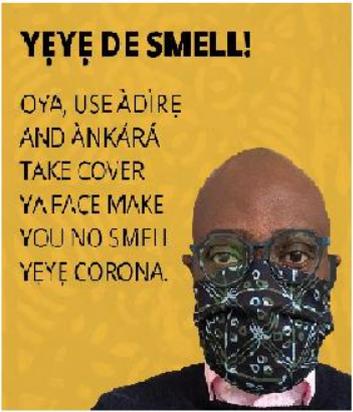
Reactions of artists during COVID 19

**BUSY WORKING IN THE STUDIO**

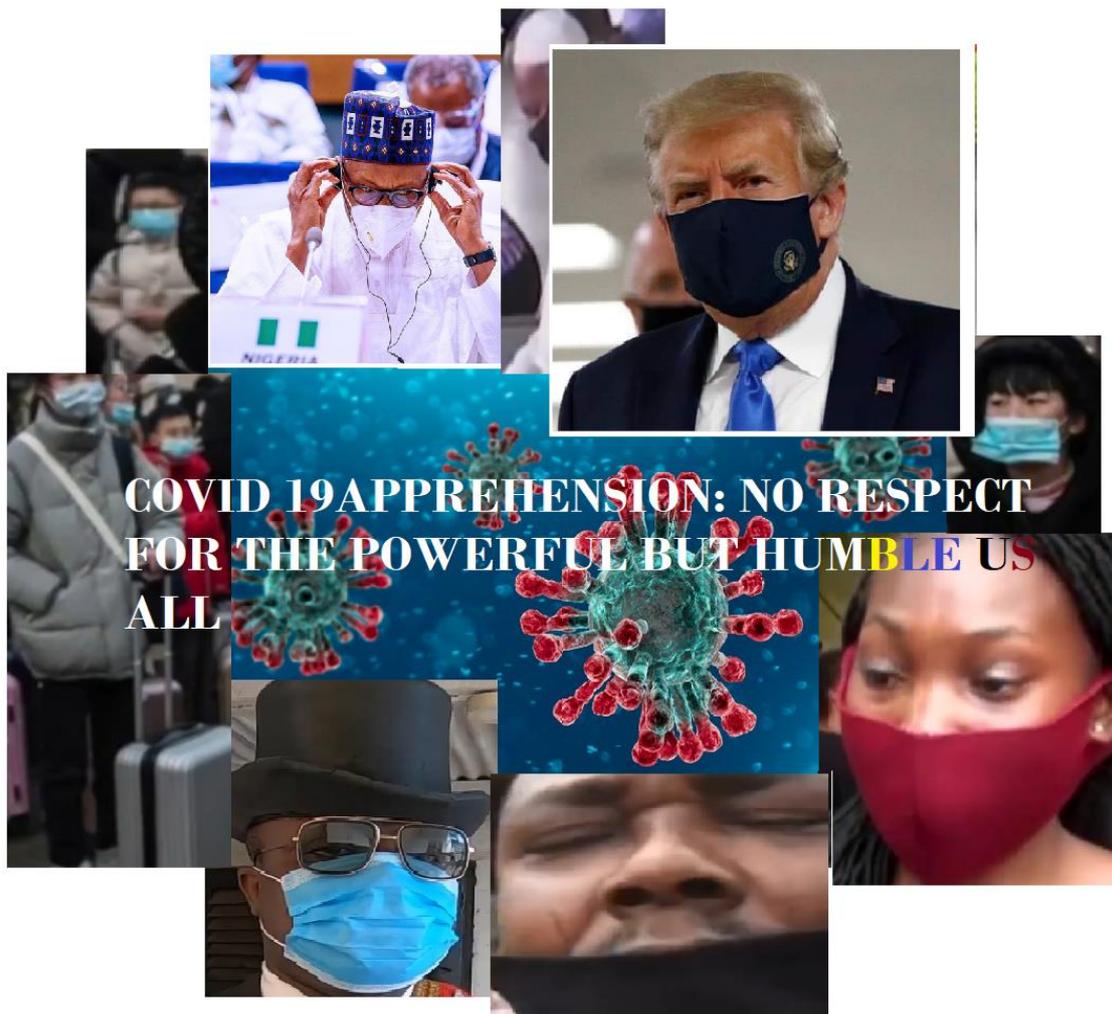




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COVID 19 instrument of humility that Humble all



## CONCLUSION

In responding to COVID 19 altering the world order, suspension of human movement, public places closedown and human activities that involves multitudes gathering put on hold, entertainment content production postponed, all these informed a shift pattern where man device survival means, which informed an increase in the use of virtual online teaching, virtual conferencing, online exhibition, video streaming services due to a massive demand to move on with live and due to the massive increase of people staying at home. As a result, many videos on demand services, film archives, and cinema clubs provided many films for online streaming. However, the increase in the use of video streaming for entertainment as well as using videoconferencing services such as facebook meeting room, google meeting, Microsoft teams, Zoom for work and education caused unprecedented strain on global internet infrastructure above all life continues.

In conclusion, COVID 19 Humble all irrespective of status, educated—uneducated, rich—poor, strong—feeble, etc. But artistic creativity despite COVID 19, flourished even in the face of lockdown and quarantine. This is pointer to the fact that art cannot be deterred by any force in as much creativity is alive.

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