



SHIKA SHIKA ART FAIR

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# CHALE WOTE 2018

### August 20 - 26

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Members of Act for Change perform WATA WOMAN at last year's festival.

### The 8th annual CHALE WOTE Street Art Festival

takes place in Accra from August 20th to 26th with over 125 Ghanaian artists, community activists and international collectives building and exhibiting works in James Town and venues across the city. We are happy to announce the first edition of SHIKA SHIKA ART FAIR, which will be showing the historical and contemporary works of artists from across Africa and the Black diaspora. In 2018 we expand our practice as artists beyond the subjective polarized view of reality.

Last year, more than 15,000 people came out to CHALE WOTE. Enter Para-Other: a transatlantic shortwave that transcends language and geography. Para-Other requires new knowledge fractals, codes, symbols, and sounds that transmit our core creative intent where imperial languages fail us. This order is an embracing of a black labyrinth and establishment of an aesthetic that captures our cessation of flight and transit into a noncontested existence.

We invite you to witness and share in CHALE WOTE 2018. There are open and free events and activities throughout the city of Accra for a full 6 days between August 20th & 26th.

### What is the CHALE WOTE Street Art Festival?

The CHALE WOTE Street Art Festival is an alternative platform that brings art, music, dance and performance out into the streets. The community-based festival takes place in James Town – one of Accra's most historic communities – and targets exchanges between Ghana-based and international artists creating art together. Each year, the festival is produced by ACCRA [dot] ALT and REDD KAT Pictures in collaboration with CHALE WOTE STREET ART PROJKT, DANDANO, OSRAMBA MEDIA and other cultural organizations across the city.

CHALE WOTE means "man, let's go!" in Ga (the language of the people of Greater Accra) and it is also a reference to flip flops. We use the term to mobilize a public passion for art and to cultivate a wider audience for the arts, breaking boundaries to provide access to people of all walks of life. CHALE WOTE includes a vibrant mix of visual art, photography, films, fashion, mixed media, interventions, processions, live music, dance, panels, discussions, tours, food and more.

### What to Expect at CHALE WOTE 2018

### SHIKA SHIKA Art Fair Monday August 20 -26

The Shika Shika Art fair is our inaugural street art fair at CHALE WOTE, featuring a psychedelic mix of work across different generations and disciplines. The art fair will open on Monday August 20, at the Brazil House and will close at the end of the festival on Sunday August 26.

### **The LABS**August 21-24

The LABS is a 4-day mix of artist talks, film screenings, special workshops, DJ mixers and performances. This event explores the festival theme PARA OTHER in depth with intimate conversations and connections with artists participating in CHALE WOTE 2018 who share audiences about their creative process, projects collaborations. The LABS is an open activation space where we encourage everyone to bring out their reflections on PARA OTHER.





### JAMES TOWN WEEKEND

August 25 + 26

The final two days of the festival take place in James Town (August 25 + 26). This year, we amplify the number of art works and performances at specific locations across James Town. Social fun, parties and jamming will happen also at designated locations. This will allow for smoother flows of human traffic along the streets of the festival.

## THE OPEN GALLERY EXPERIENCE + SATELITTE Monday, August 20 – Sunday, August 26

For the third time, CHALE WOTE is extending the festival to a full week of activities. This year, The Open Gallery returns with a fresh mix of Accra galleries and exhibitions that demonstrate the vibrancy of contemporary Ghanaian art and music. We will be collaborating with Kukun, Elle Lokko, ANO Institute of Contemporary Arts, Abajo Culture+Art Café, Republic Bar, Roots and Soul and Deo Gratias Studio.

### The Official CHALE WOTE 2018 Tour

August 18th -26, 2018

This exclusive, behind-thescenes experience gives you special access to the artists as they prepare works including an artist mixer, jam sessions, art talks, studio and gallery tours.

Book your spot now: info@accradotaltradio.com

Over the last seven years, CHALE WOTE has propelled the development of an independent creative and arts economy in Accra. By engaging artists within the city, the festival is giving Accra a facelift, revealing interconnected collectives working in multi-disciplinary practices that form the pulse of CHALE WOTE.



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