

The Contemporary Kenyan Art Collection is a permanent exhibition at The Gateway Regional Arts Center. The collection consists of works representative of the artistic talents of Kenyan artists living today in Kenya. Here in the museum, works of art are tied together-between two continents, cultures and disciplines. The art of Kenya's self-taught artists is neither strictly traditional nor Western in style. The collection contains paintings ranging from realism to the surreal, from vibrant abstractions that reference the past and the present to a woodcut with relevant environmental symbols and to figurative sculpture.

The collection is a gift of The Ruth Hunt Wood Foundation, which began in 2001 to bring contemporary Kenyan artists to Kentucky in collaboration with The Department of Art at The University of Kentucky. Ruth Hunt Wood explains "the collection was conceived explicitly as a way of supporting and spreading the knowledge of contemporary art and artists in Kenya."











