

## American Artist Due in Gambia on Wednesday

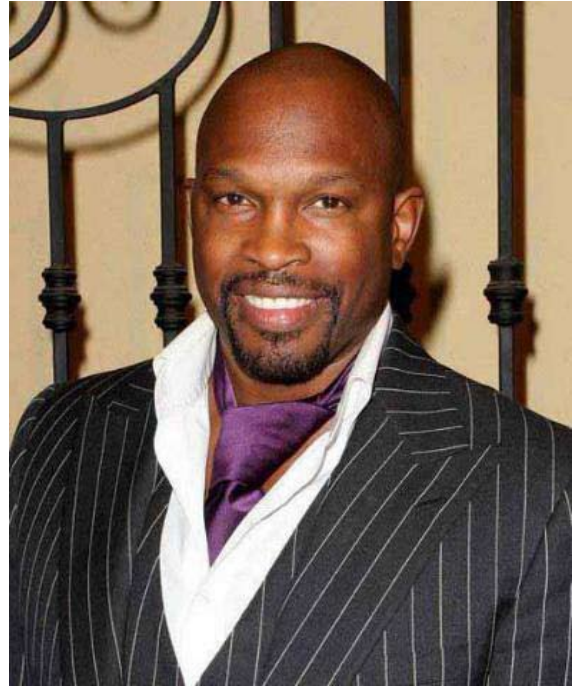
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A renowned American artist (painter) Chaz Guest is expected to arrive in The Gambia on Wednesday as a special guest of the Gambian leader, His Excellency Sheikh Professor Alhaji Dr Yahya AJJ Jammeh, the Daily Observer has learnt.

According to Mbacke Dioum, the organiser of the renowned American artist's visit, Chaz Guest will grace The Gambia's 45th Independence celebration at the July 22nd Square, where he is expected to present a design of an art work he made for President Jammeh.

He added that President Jammeh will be the second President in the whole world after President Obama, who will receive a painting portrait of artistic design, from Chaz Guest, the renowned American artist. Chaz Guest is not only a talented artist technically, but he brings a fluidity and emotion to his pieces that draw the viewer into his art. Each tableau tells a story about his subjects, deepening the viewer's connection to Chaz's varied and stimulating worldview. Such an open, spiritual and generous man, Chaz Guest speaks to the humanity we all share.



Chaz Guest is an American artist of profound inventiveness, ingenuity and inspiration. Blessed with a gift for not only realising his richly textured visions but also tapping into the vibrant essence of those visions. Chaz Guest leaves those who encounter his works emotionally moved in powerfully personal ways. The catalyst behind that art lies in the way that he unwaveringly strives for honesty, purity and excellence in all that he creates. The man has literally and purposefully willed himself into artistic greatness.

Among Chaz Guest's ever growing list of esteemed and influential patrons are other creative artists of great renown. The first person to ever pay top dollar for one of Guest's creations was contemporary gospel great BeBe Winans. Jazz legend Herbie Hancock has one of Chaz's pieces hanging in his Hollywood home. Actor Josh Lucas purchased a painting of John Coltrane by Chaz from a Las Vegas gallery and was so moved that he emailed Guest to arrange a meeting to discuss the work in more depth.

Film and television content creator Tyler Perry met Chaz at an Oprah Winfrey fundraiser and, after reconnecting with Chaz at his home studio, treated himself to five of his paintings for his new Atlanta home (hey, it was his birthday). Finally Presidential candidate Barack Obama has an amazing portrait. Chaz painted of first African American Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall gracing his Chicago office. And Guest has created a portrait of Senator Obama himself.