

Ronowned US Artist Visits the Gambia

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Chaz Guest, a renowned US artist Wednesday arrived in The Gambia as a special guest of His Excellency Sheikh Professor Alhaji Dr Yahya Jammeh.

He was met on arrival at the Banjul International Airport by Momodou Tangara, the minister of Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology. Chaz was later entertained by different cultural troupes, who were at the airport to gave him a taste of real Gambian hospitality. During his stay in the country, Chaz, will present an artwork, he made for president Jammeh, being the second president to receive such artwork in the whole world after president Obama.

Speaking reporters, Chaz expressed his gratitude to President Jammeh for inviting him to the smiling coast of Africa. "I'm really grateful to him for the invitation and to also present my artwork, which I painted with an interesting energy to him. I painted the design in a few days and I have never painted so fast in that way," he said.

Despite being born in the western world the American artist did not hesitate to maintain that he still remains an African. "So I bring an authenticity of something different, a new approach and it is going to be very interesting being in Africa. I'm really excited and interested in seeing this myself and incorporating that in my work and sharing with the young people of the African Diaspora," he said.

Chaz, who is making his first trip to The Gambia, and indeed to Africa, added that he has been in the artistic scene for the past twenty-years. He added that he was always creative and expresses his views through his works. "But like I said, we have certain instruments of the universe and I noticed that at a very young age. So I just know how to be and then let energy take over. So I have been a creative person all of my life. I was always drawing, reading and I am also musically inclined," he said.

According to him, he started painting professionally in 1985 in New York City adding that he is looking forward to meeting President Jammeh personally. "Being a hard critic of my work, I love painting and I hope that he will love my work," he added.

