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PRESS RELEASE

Poetics of reality,
Bamana Dramane
April 3 - June 6, 2026



Labaraque is pleased to present *Poetics of reality*, a solo exhibition by artist Bamana Dramane, running from April 3 to June 6, 2026.

BAMANA DRAMANE is a visual artist from Mali who lives in Mali. His work falls within the realm of social figuration, where people, the street, and collective memory take center stage.

“Transforming waste into beauty means transforming the way we view the world.”

The artist creates using materials salvaged primarily from plastic and other waste, which he transforms into meaningful visual elements. This practice of recycling is not only an ecological gesture but also a symbolic act of repair and rebirth.

Drawing inspiration from everyday gestures, simple interactions, urban architecture, and the city’s color palettes, Bamana Dramane develops a practice that blends painting, collage, assemblage, and weaving.

Through his works, he explores the notion of living together, the fragility of our social bonds, and the need for renewed solidarity by offering a poetic interpretation of reality, where art becomes a space for dialogue, memory, and reconstruction.

This exhibition invites us to reconnect with peaceful living, simplicity, and solidarity, within a social cohesion that must be reinvented.

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ABOUT THE ARTIST

DRAMANE BAMANA was born in 1996 in Bougouni, Mali. He lives and works in Bamako. After earning a bachelor’s degree in visual arts, the artist applied to the Balla Fasseké Kouyaté Conservatory of Multimedia Arts and Crafts in Bamako in 2017. He is a member of the Tim’Art collective and participates in the collective’s cultural events.

ABOUT LABARAQUE

Labaraque is a contemporary art gallery based in Abidjan, dedicated to the promotion of emerging artists from the African continent and the Diaspora. As part of a dynamic of innovation and creation, it aims to be a space of exchange and dialogue where artists, collectors and art lovers can come together to explore new artistic and cultural perspectives.

Since its creation in 2021, Labaraque has been committed to playing a key role in the development of the local and international art scene. Through a rich and varied programme of exhibitions, encounters and cultural events, it highlights contemporary practices that question the world and its changes.

In addition to its role as an exhibition space, the gallery has positioned itself as a veritable artistic incubator, offering emerging talents a framework conducive to experimentation and the dissemination of their work. It reaffirms its commitment to the promotion of art in Côte d'Ivoire.

Location :

Riviera Jardin, Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire)

Opening hours :

Tuesday to Wednesday: 12pm to 6pm

Thursday to Saturday: 12pm to 2am

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