Ochre and Ash

Press release

The weight of water

Yaw Mensah

16 January 2027 to 6 March 2027. Main gallery, ground floor.
Opening Friday 15 January 2027, 18:00 to 21:00.

New sculpture in bronze, iron and river stone, following the drainage channels of Lagos Island from Marina to Idumota.

Every rainy season Lagos Island remembers that it is an island. Water comes down from the roofs of Broad Street, gathers in channels cut in the 1920s, and runs, or fails to run, toward the lagoon. Yaw Mensah has spent two years walking those channels with a notebook and a tape measure.

The weight of water brings together nine new sculptures, the largest of them over two metres tall. Bronze, cast at a shared foundry in Ikorodu, meets iron bought by the kilogram at Owode Onirin. The works lean on one another and on the gallery walls, and one of them is designed to collect rain in the forecourt for the length of the exhibition.

The preview below shows works finished in the studio this autumn. The full checklist and prices will be available to collectors on our list from 4 January 2027.

Notes to editors

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