

# Aina Wangooren



**EXHIBITION  
ZALU ART GALLERY**

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**AUGUST 15 – AUGUST 22  
ESSQUE ZALU ZANZIBAR**

# ABOUT THE ARTIST

Nina Wånggren was born in Stockholm, Sweden, where she also lives and works. She has a BA in Art History, for which she specialised in contemporary art and interpretation. Nina works mainly in the media of photography, acrylic, watercolor and ink.

Nina's work explores the complex relationships between human beings, examined through an engagement with nature and its intricate patterns. Objects, colours and shapes found in nature – such as the construction of a tree or the patterns of a leaf – are used in order to illustrate or question the ways in which we communicate with each other and with nature, and also with new technologies.

Nina has exhibited selected works around Stockholm, and has produced commissioned illustrations for organisations such as a radio station and a record company.



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NINA'S ART?**

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...or get in touch with the artist:  
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# INFO

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Nina's artwork?

Check out her website:  
[ninawangren.weebly.com](http://ninawangren.weebly.com)

Nina's art exhibits connections with different parts of Africa, bearing both personal and artistic marks.

Artistically, much of Nina's work engages with varieties of African art traditions. As part of her fascination with ancient Egyptian art, we find in Nina's paintings a specific presentation of the figures, with the bodies facing the front and the head seen in profile, paraphrasing the gestures of ancient hieroglyphs and paintings. Looking closely, we discover furthermore in Nina's watercolours an engagement with the themes and colouring schemes of the Tinga Tinga art found in Zanzibar. Like Tinga Tinga artists, Nina portrays animals and other creatures and objects found in nature through bright, strong colours.

On a personal level, Nina has family in Banjul, Gambia, through her brother-in-law who was born and grew up there. She has travelled to Gambia and Egypt, and studied North African and Middle Eastern art as part of her BA in Art History. She has also been involved in a fashion show of West African fabrics and design, as part of a larger exhibition of African art, in Stockholm, Sweden.

## NINA AND AFRICA

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