



Progressive East African Arts

UgArts Mission Statement

UgArts is a not for profit organisation established in 2001 as a platform to show-case and raise the standards and profile of East African arts with primary focus on Uganda. UgArts aims to encourage genuine new talent, show off the best of the past & present, all the while setting a new fruitful trend for the future.

Due to limited resources, music, film/video are the only mediums UgArts deals with presently. This is done with the help of CDbaby online music distribution, Madhead Kitchen Records [MHK], Zikosa Pictures, Global Fusion Music & Arts and the Sound Kitchen studios. However, as we acquire a wider contact with artists, we intend to deal with a broader range of arts including literature, dance, dramatic & musical theatre, cultural heritage, fine arts & crafts, photography and new media art.

The production values of Ugandan art need to be lifted and for this to happen artists need to get together and set better standards than those that exist today. UgArts calls on all artists and lovers of good art to join us in achieving this aim.

UgArts promotes and supports live performances and can provide advice and guidance to solo artists & bands that may need help in arranging live concerts. Advice is also available on recording, mastering and releasing a single or a full album. This is provided by industry professionals currently in the field. In some special instances, some artists may get up to 50% or even 100% discount to record @ The Global Fusion Studios or the Sound Kitchen, using professional recording facilities with a producer / engineer who is also a seasoned musician!

The fight against piracy and plagiarism in the Ugandan entertainment industry is also going to be given an arena by UgArts because these are two of the main ailments that are suffocating artists, hindering development and individualism and in the process, keeping standards way down. In due course, UgArts intends to have a quarterly printed publication of Ugandan arts news, events and workshops that it is involved with.