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Richard Ayodeji Ikhide: *Cosmic Memory* February 27–March 26, 2021

Steve Turner is pleased to present *Cosmic Memory*, an online solo exhibition of recent paintings by Londonbased Richard Ayodeji Ikhide that include images inspired by his Nigerian heritage as well as his interest in other civilizations and mythologies. The works have a figurative core, but they are completed with colorful abstract gestures and patterns. According to Ikhide, "Many cultural histories converge in my work. During the course of my life, I have absorbed a lot of information, and when I make work, I intuitively respond to it and my life experiences. In doing so, I aim to bring together past, present and future as well as multiple geographies and cultures.

Richard Ayodeji Ikhide (b. 1991, Nigeria,) earned a BA in textile design at Central Saint Martins, University of the Arts, London (2014) and Postgraduate Diploma at The Royal Drawing School, London (2017). He has had solo exhibitions at the Zabludowicz Collection, London (2019) and V.O. Curations, London (2021). *Cosmic Memory* is his first exhibition at Steve Turner and his first in the United States.

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