

# TRUE AFRICAN ORIGINAL

Art should not only make pretty statements, but also make an impact on the lives of those who struggle or are oppressed. — Michael Thompson

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## "Style and Sympathies", A collection by Iké Udé

Nigerian born artist Iké Udé will be exhibiting his collection "Styles and Sympathies" at the Leila Heller Gallery in New York from October 10, 2013 to November 9, 2013.

With his ongoing photographic self-portraits, *Sartorial Anarchy*, wherein he is dressed in varied costumes across geography and time, Udé explores a world of dualities: photographer/performance artist, artist/spectator, African/postnationalist, mainstream/marginal, individual/everyman and fashion/art. Conversant with the world of fashion and celebrity, Udé gives the aspects of performance and representation a new vitality, melding his own theatrical selves and multiple personae with his art.











Leila Heller Gallery