

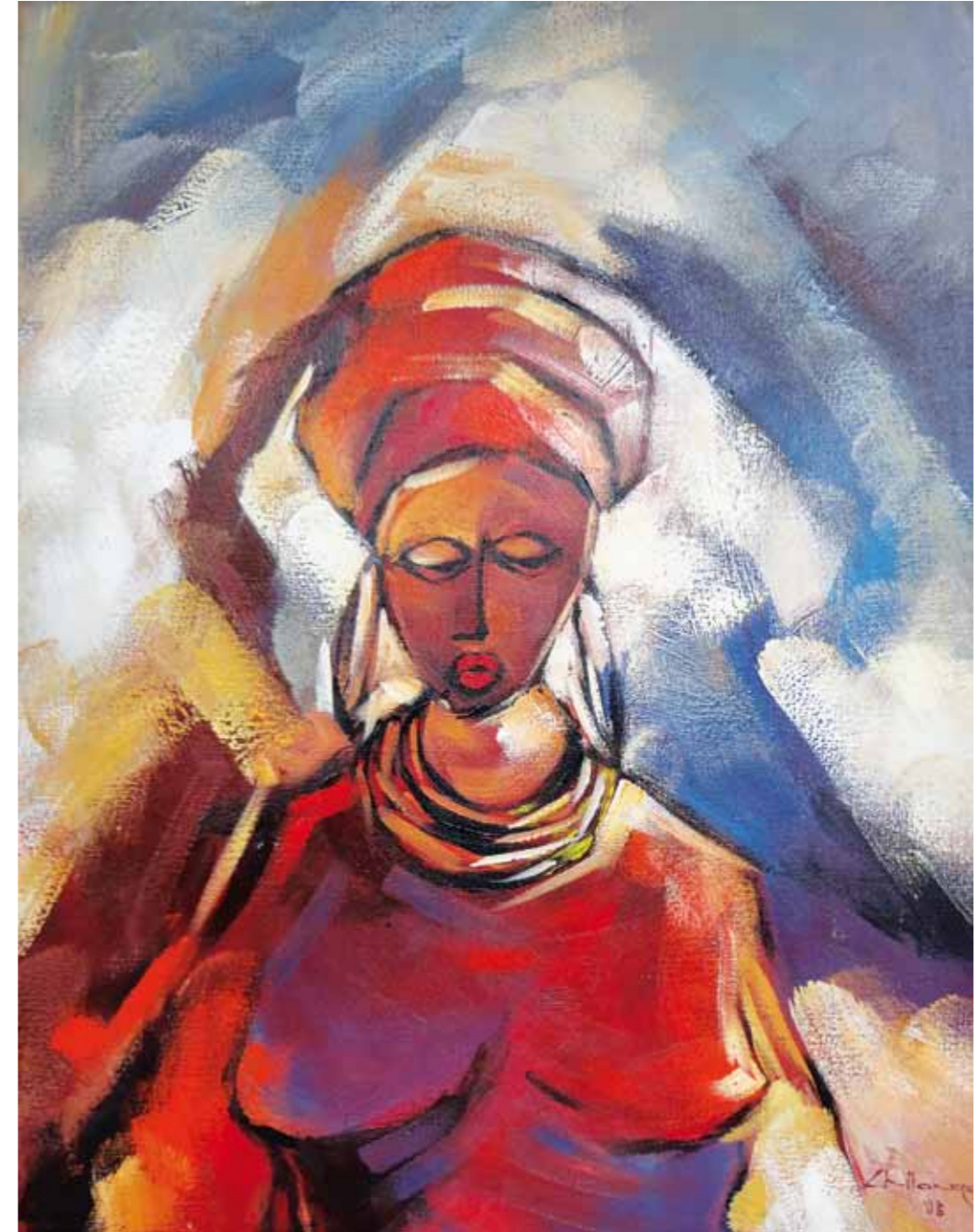


## Chilonga Haji *Tanzania*

Haji Chilonga is a self-taught artist born on 24th January 1969 in Masasi in the Mtwara region, which is located in the southern part of Tanzania. His father's side of the family were traditional blacksmiths while his mother's side were potters.

Chilonga has come a long way. At the beginning of his career Chilonga started by painting commercial signs and portraits, he then moved on to realism and has become an established painter and sculptor with a personalised style. His recent works border on abstraction with enjoyable vibrancy of colour and form. Beauty in composition is as important as concept to Haji. Most of his works portray situations from the local life and daily activities that surround him.

He has participated in several local and international workshops in and out of the country, the most notable being a solo show at the Banana Hill Art Studio, Nairobi. He has also participated in several of East Africa's art biennales.



1. African queen.  
Acrylic on canvas - 55x72 cm



2. Fighting cocks.  
Acrylic on canvas - 90x80 cm

3. Joyous.  
Acrylic on canvas - 60x85 cm

4. April bomb explosion in Dar.  
Acrylic on canvas - 55x80 cm

5. Distinction.  
Acrylic on canvas - 80x100 cm