

A portrait of a young Black man with short, dark, curly hair, looking slightly to the right with a thoughtful expression. He is wearing a white t-shirt. The background is blurred, showing hints of colorful patterns.

**Andrew Wabacha**

**Age: 24 years**

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Thick impasto is a technique characteristic of Andrew's paintings. Born and raised in the informal settlement of Kibera, Nairobi, Andrew considers himself a natural, self-taught artist; having developed an interest in art at a very tender age. He is inspired by the space world because it is factually unknown and unexplored. This gives him an opportunity to create and present unrealistic stories that to some extent evoke sensations of warmth and mystery in a non-restricted world of make-belief. He also enjoys presenting human emotions and qualities by incorporating pop art and expressionism art styles. He works mainly with acrylic paint, oil pastels, and phosphorescent ink. Andrew has participated in local art events organized by Uweza. He has also exhibited his artwork in the US.