

**Warehouse Gallery presents apparel collections inspired by travel**

*The Maasai's of Kenya collaborate on an eco-fashion collection and the Wares of Brooklyn are inspired by the tropical landscape and lifestyle of Jamaica*

**New York September 4, 2014** - Travel is a constant source of inspiration for design, literature and art. As New York Fashion Week begins the Warehouse Gallery <http://warehouse-gallery.com> located in Red Hook Brooklyn explores travel as inspiration in a unique presentation of apparel, accessories and jewelry from September 7-12<sup>th</sup>, 2014: Tye *Tomon*

The Tye collection is a collaborative bow tie series by designer Lesley Ware with creative direction from curator kamau ware. Lesley and kamau have two nephews named Tye and found it a fitting title for the collection. The concept for this collection is that each bow tie have its own personality and story. The first tie from this collection is "the Portie" which is inspired by the school uniforms worn in the city of Port Antonio, Jamaica, which was pleasantly discovered by the Wares on their summer vacation.

"I was instantly drawn to the colorful button-down gingham dresses of the school girls and began the hunt for a fabric shop, while exploring the alluring city of Port Antonio," designer Lesley Ware speaking on the inspiration for the Tye collection.

OMWA + Idia'Dega is an Indigenous-inspired elegant ethical apparel. OMWA: Olorgesailie Maasai Women Artisans of Kenya and Tereneh Mosley designer of Idia'Dega a US-based eco-fashion line. Ms. Mosley lived in a Maasai community to co-design the *Tomon* Collection with OMWA. *Tomon* means 10 in Maa, the Maasai language, the collection is a ten-piece eco-collection for women and men featuring apparel, accessories and jewelry.

"I was in Kenya from 2004-2007 conducting research on such topics as the social-cultural context of clothing, incorporating Indigenous design in contemporary clothing and how travel inspires design," Ms. Mosley stated. She returned in 2013 to co-design this collection with the Maasai women of Olorgesailie, "They are the most inspiring women I have met in my life, I am thrilled to work with them as creative partners."

Tye *Tomon* exhibition is on view by appointment September 7 through 12<sup>th</sup>, with reception Friday Sept 12<sup>th</sup> from 6-9pm. Warehouse Gallery is located in Red Hook 183 Lorraine Street Studio #5 Brooklyn 11231

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Images: Top: Lesley Ware in Jamaica, kamau ware.

Bottom: OMWA design session in Kenya, Tereneh Mosley