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## Breaking News: Eight Nigerian Artists Explore Politics, Mechanisms Of Mass Media

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Breaking News, a group exhibition exploring the politics and mechanisms of the mass media, opens today Saturday April 30, at Eko Hotel, Victoria Island, Lagos.

Presented by Art Twenty One and curated by Joseph Gergel, the exhibition features artists working in painting, drawing, photography, video and installation and questions how information is disseminated, fact is constructed, and how social and political life are filtered through the lens of the culture industry.

Participating artists are Jakob S. Boeskov and Teco Benson, Obinna Makata, Native Maqari, Abraham Oghobase, Bob-Nosa Uwagboe, Chibuike Uzoma, and Uche Uzorka.

In Breaking News, “the artists are critical about divergent social and political issues in Nigeria, from violence and government corruption to Nollywood and popular consumer trends, questioning not only the content of the news but its very framework.

They look at how Nigeria is defined in the local and global news media, and how cultural myths are articulated and perpetuated. In an act of subversion, these artists cut, crop, and shred the vernacular news archive, a literal and symbolic act of destruction.

Rather than succumb to the commercial pressures of the media industry, they create a visual language to portray new perspectives and alternative narratives”. The exhibition