



SHEILAH SHELDONE CHARLES PROFILE

Sheilah Sheldone Charles is 11-year old Kenyan Artist. She is a great painter, a model, a poet, a singer, a budding actress, and a designer. She discovered her gift at age five, and now, at age 11, uses her art to help her family and to educate other girls like her. In 2018, Sheilah was invited by Tese Foundation in Davis California for a fundraising drive where she donated one of her Arts which was auctioned to raise funds for girls in Zimbabwe to go to school. During her stay in the USA, Sheilah visited several community schools within California teaching young children how to draw and paint. As a result of her USA trip, she received an award from the Tese Foundation nominating her as the “*Youngest Lioness 2018*”. This Award was presented to her in her school at Light International School, Mombasa-Kenya in the presence of her schoolmates and teachers. She was again privileged to receive an invitation by the UC Davis University of California to give public speaking during the commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jnr’s 50th Anniversary. Unfortunately, she didn’t attend because she was unable to raise funds for travelling and accommodation.

Through her talent, Sheilah has met notable personalities among them the President of the Republic of Kenya, His Excellency Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta at State House Nairobi, and the President of the Republic of Uganda, His Excellency Yoweri Kaguta Museveni in Mombasa who extended an invitation for Sheilah and her mother to visit him at his home for Easter celebration. Sheilah has appeared in numerous international and media houses for show interviews – BBC News, Fox40, Citizen TV Kenya, and almost all the local TV stations, as well as feature in several Kenyan newspapers and magazines. Sheilah’s wish is to be invited to appear on international TV shows hosted by Ellen DeGeneres and Oprah Winfrey respectively. She has painted their portraits which are graciously decorating the walls of her living room.

Towards the end of 2019, Sheilah was recognized by Coast Women Magazine for outstanding achievement as the “*Young Empowered Girl in Coast Region*”. In December 2019, she was invited by Heritage Kids Fashion to give motivational talks to girls and women in South Africa. On 3rd January 2020, Sheilah received “*Global Child Prodigy Award*” from New Dehli, India. Sheilah has been nominated to receive an award for “*The Most Promising Talent in Kenya*” in an event happening on 8th February 2020. Her overarch goal is to become the Children’s Ambassador to empower, inspire, and motivate all children.

On 3rd February 2020, Sheilah was invited at Mount Kenya Safari Club Hotel in Nanyuki, Kenya where she addressed over 100 visitors from the USA with her captivating speech that generated standing ovation and completely awed everyone present. She later gave each of them a colourful lion painting. Besides showcasing her talents, Sheilah is also the official Brand Ambassador for Skyward Express, Bonfire Adventures, and The Rubs Spa and Barber. Sheilah is the brainchild of a Civil Society Organization (CSO) known as Sheilah Sheldone Arts for Social Change CBO that is supported by the community members in Mombasa County to fulfil her dreams of helping children and youth including persons with disabilities in her community through creative work. The CBO activities are anchored on the four SDGs; Goal 4 – Quality Education; Goal 10 – Reduced Inequality; Goal 16 – Peace and Justice Strong Institutions; and Goal 17 – Partnerships to Achieve the Goals. The CBO is continuously applying for grants and projects funding. However, none has been forthcoming.

Sheilah Sheldone Social Media Handles:

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