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## Street Scene

When she moved to Nairobi, Kenya in 2001, Ottawa photographer Tania Turner became fascinated with street artisans and the rich burst of colour they bring to the urban landscape as they make and sell their wares, and she began photographing them. The result is an exhibition of photographs called *Wasanii Wa Kenya* (Artisans of Kenya).

Turner, a photo editor and archivist in Nairobi, says that her "perennial interest in creative individuals and their artistic output draws me into their environments. Their work—in contrast to that of many Canadian artists—takes place in public, often in open shops or by the side of the road. This affords us the opportunity to interact with them and to see how they transform wood into striking sculptures, papyrus plants into furniture, beads into works of art and adornment, nylon into vibrant baskets and recycled glass into brilliant murals."

- 1 Mary Wanjiru  
Wool carpets
- 2 (left to right) Martin Joroge  
and Samuel Njoroge  
Painted terra cotta pots
- 3 (left to right) Nasieku Shakuru,  
Naisoi Rasha and Talash Ngai  
Bead necklaces
- 4 John Kiongora  
Wood sculpture
- 5 Amos Wanchira  
Stained glass
- 6 Mutheu Mwangangi  
Grass baskets

photos: Tania Turner

