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## **Brighten Your Life With An Art Quilt From Africa! *Sister Artists* companion catalogue also available for sale**

The Advocacy Project is pleased to announce that the [Sister Artists art quilts](#) will be auctioned online starting June 15.

The 40 quilts were commissioned as the centerpiece of a unique partnership between fiber artists in the African country of Mali and the Global North.

The embroidered blocks were stitched by survivors of gender-based violence at a center in Bamako run by Sini Sanuman, a partner of AP.



***Fish in Still Water*, by Dawn Piasta, Manitoba, Canada.**

Forty-one quilters from the US, Canada, UK and Kenya turned the blocks into art quilts at the invitation of [Quilt for Change](#), an AP partner and co-sponsor of the auction. The quilters included Dawn Piasta from Canada, whose *Fish in Still Water* is shown above.

The Malian sister artists used their blocks to describe their lives before they were assaulted and driven from their homes by jihadists and rebels during the conflict in northern Mali.

The 40 finished quilts were exhibited in January at the Textile Museum in Washington and will be auctioned on [Bidding for Good](#), starting at 6.00 am, June 15. The auction will end at 11.59 pm on Sunday, June 28.

Each quilt has been valued at \$300. Bidding will start at \$100 and quilts can also be purchased for \$500 without going through the bidding process.

AP is offering a 90-page companion catalogue, *Sister Artists*, which carries a full photo of each quilt and a profile of the quilter. The catalogue is available from AP at \$27.50 including postage.

Proceeds from the auction and catalogue will be invested in a bag-making and embroidery project for the survivors in Mali.

You will need to register on Bidding for Good to make a bid. [Preview the auction and register as a bidder here](#). Sort by lot number ascending.

To take delivery of a purchased quilt, to purchase a catalogue, or for general information email Brigid Smith - [bsmith@advocacynet.org](mailto:bsmith@advocacynet.org) - or [DCoffice@advocacynet.org](mailto:DCoffice@advocacynet.org); or call +1 202 422 2479. Please make payments through the Donate button on [the AP home page](#) and specify purpose.

\* [View high-quality photos of the Sister Artists quilts](#).

\* [Click here](#) for more information about AP's work in Mali.

