

Mary Martin

Visual Fashion Artist

INDUSTRY: **FASHION**



What is the best part of your job?

Working with a lot of creatives from all around the world, which gives me the opportunity to learning a lot more about different cultures, fabrics, and most importantly Africa the motherland.

Biggest learning moment of your career?

It was the best move I ever made to get the papers:

2016 - LCCA (London college of contemporary arts) Fashion /Textile /Graduate/merits

2019 - UEL (university of east London) Bachelor of ARTS BA [Hons] Fashion/Textile

What does Black history month mean to you?

I would not be here if it were not for my ancestors I totally respect the fact and meaning of black history month but for me every day is Black history month I am Black but still we struggle and we fight. My tribute to Black history.

What is your top tip to success?

Stick to your guns be true to who you are and what you stand for, believe in yourself don't be deterred by the voices of others.

What is your greatest achievement?

I stayed focused, I was in the driving seat, I started to listen, I stopped the ignorance, I focussed, I believed life had a purpose. I was not the victim that life had made me feel I was, my mother's words that I remembered as a child. "Work 200 Times harder" these words became real to me and I finally put it into action.

Why is being a positive role model important to you?

I want I grew up in a children's Home in the 70s I did not have any role models in my life my only anchor was from God, my only father throughout my life it was encouraging he pulled me through the good times and very bad times , some people are fortunate to have parents to guide them treasure them they are not there forever.

What advice would you give to your 16year-old Self?

Listen, Learn, Succeed, Education is the key to success.

What are you reading?

Black and British (Prof. Olusoga)

Favourite food to boost your mood?
Banana and green tea.



Biggest change since lockdown?
New chair and height-adjustable desk.

Ideal Mentor?
Michelle Obama



Role Model growing up?

Older members of a circle of family friends.

Examples of Mary's work for Black History Month:



I am my brother's keeper Print by Mary Martin London



Credits, Thanks to Models; Yasmin Jamaal, Kiki Busari, Leila Samati, Hassan Reese, Photographer; akpe, Lavender's Blue, Stuart Blakley, Raquel Black, courtesy of the Foreign Office KCS. Ballerina, Omozephe