

**Saturday Art Class: Week 4**  
**5th grade**  
**Big idea: Community**

## Francis Kéré

<https://www.kerearchitecture.com/work>

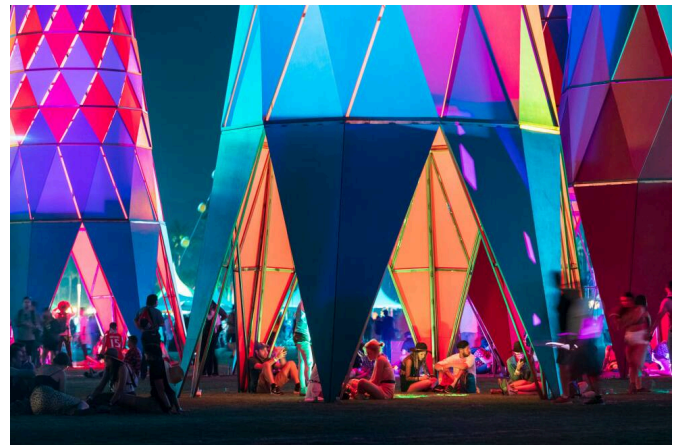


### About the artist:

Francis Kéré is an **architect** from Gando, Burkina Faso. In 2004, he won the Aga Khan for Architecture award for his first building, the Gando Primary School. This led to him founding Kéré Architecture in 2005 which is focused on building and creating contemporary and innovative designs. They focus on the idea of creating nontraditional buildings that are strongly rooted in the idea of creating designs to best serve the **community**. Kéré focuses on social commitment, **sustainability** and **innovation** and often uses local

materials in his projects. Kéré became the first African Architect to win the Pritzker Architecture Prize in 2022.

### Artist Examples:



**Sarbalé Ke, the “House of Celebration”**

### Learning targets:

- Students will discuss Kéré architecture designs and how he encompasses the idea of community into his designs.
- Students will collaborate to create and design their own city.



**Lycée Schorge**



**Gando Primary School**



## Vocabulary:

**Architect:** A person who designs buildings

**Community:** a group of people living in the same place or having common interests

**Innovation:** the action or process making of a new idea

**Sustainability:** The ability to exist and develop without using up natural resources for the future, reusing materials

## Questions:

**Artist:** Why do you think Kéré designs his buildings in the style that he does?

**Artwork:** What do these designs say about the artist? How does Kéré use the natural world in his designs?

**Audience:** Who is the audience for Kéré's work? How do people use their architecture?

**World:** How do the buildings interact with the natural world?