



Pioneering company Leti Arts is Africa's premier game development company, located in the West African country of Ghana. Leti Arts has been featured on many media outlets and has won awards for its innovative games and storytelling.

Leti Art's Abena Addai was gracious enough to answer a few questions for us about their history and what developers are looking for in composers.

1 *Abena, please tell us a little about yourself and how you came to work with Leti Arts.*

My name is Abena, and I am Leti's Communications Lead. I, however, started out as the Social Media Community Manager right after my 1st degree. I have a degree in English and Linguistics from the University of Ghana, and I must say game development was a novelty to me when I joined Leti in 2016. It has been amazing so far, watching the growth of the industry and how we have been able to inspire people, both tech and non-tech-oriented to get involved.

2 *Why was Leti Arts started, and what is your core philosophy for creating games?*

The conception of Leti Arts was driven by the vision of having a ubiquitous platform for digital content created by African creatives that allow African history, culture and folklore to be reintroduced and shared to both the African and global audience in a more innovative way through modern-day technology. As Leti Arts, we are working

towards this by creating mobile games, comics, animations and art illustrations which we use to help us tell African stories through a revamped way of storytelling. When creating games, our core philosophy lies in creating a product that allows African storytelling to be more fun, informative and interactive, all while exploiting modern-day technology so as to be accessible to all audiences.

3 *What attributes do you look for when hiring video game composers?*

A passionate and excellent team player. That's mainly what we always go for when it comes to not only hiring video game composers but also anyone joining the Leti Arts team. We love working with creatives who are passionate about the work they do and who are up for the challenge of working in a diverse team.

4 *What could composers do to make it easier for them to work with your team?*

Be true to what they really love composing. We believe composers shine best when they create pieces that they themselves love. This means their compositions are driven by what they themselves are passionate about. Being comfortable and free to express yourself artistically is every creative's dream. We hope to allow the composers we work with such a haven that will allow them to be the best they can.

5 *Is it preferable for composers to be jacks-of-all-trades & make video game sound effects?*

Not particularly. We do not like putting our teammates in a box. As a small team, we believe in exploring other subject areas because they more often than not come in handy.

6 *What new games will you be releasing soon?*

We are currently working on phase two of our Africa's Legends game dubbed Reawakening. We introduce 11 new characters into the Africa's Legends universe with more exciting graphics.

Reawakening is set across a near-future Africa, and is a multiplayer story-based superhero adventure RPG. It's aimed at Ghanaian, Kenyan and Nigerian youth (15+), and explores serious themes including ethnic violence, drug addiction, misogyny, lasting effects of colonialism, foreign-aid addiction, and much more. Our characters each represent a different people, subculture, mythology, or issue from around the continent, and are carefully designed to be truly relatable to our players. The player takes on the role of some of them, and meets the others on their way across the continent, as they unravel a huge pan-African conspiracy steeped in current issues, mystery and ancestral knowledge. You click this link to watch the trailer.

7 *What is your website address?*

Our Leti Arts website address is: www.letiarts.com

Thank you, Abena.