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GERARD CALISTE

“MAGICITICY”

April 4 through May 10, 2009

Opening reception Saturday, April 4, 2009 6-9 PM

Gerard Caliste was born on April 27, 1978 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Caliste started his career in art in 1994, when he became involved in the Art Organization YAYA (Young Aspirations /Young Artists). YAYA is a non-profit arts and social service organization for at-risk youth. Through YAYA, Caliste started working under established artists such as Willie Birch and Nanette Carter; producing art for private collectors and companies such as, MTV, Swatch, The New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival and Oprah Winfrey.

In 1994, his design was selected as one of seven international artists commissioned to create work that was replicated into woven fabric. The fabric now covers all of the delegates' seats of the United Nations general assembly room.

After being awarded a Portfolio Scholarship, he enrolled in Savannah College of Art and Design in 1997. During his studies at Savannah, he was able to find more direction in his work and fine tune his style. After obtaining his BFA in Painting, Caliste moved to Houston, Texas to work as an Art Teacher for the Houston Independent School District.

In his current show, “Magiciticy”, Caliste will exhibit several types of work including paintings, sculpture and clay busts. “Magiciticy’ is a story about three children from New Orleans magically chosen to save the city from culture siphoning monsters living in potholes beneath the city streets.” These paintings come from that story.