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EXHIBITION: *Guede* BY JEROME SOIMAUD AT
YELEN ART GALLERY
Exhibition Dates to be Announced

MIAMI— New works by French artist Jerome Soimaud will be on exhibit at the Yeelen Art Gallery by appointment only.

Guede is a photographic series on Miami's Little Haiti by Jerome Soimaud. Artist Jerome Soimaud has captured the spirit and mysticism of Haitian Vodou as practiced by much of the Haitian émigré community, which now call South Florida home.

The Guede ceremonies are much like Carnival celebrations, the participants dance and gyrate their bodies to intense rhythms under the influence of the spirit world. Guedes are spirits, which oversee the transition from life through death into the afterlife and eventual rebirth; they dwell at the crossroads and are deeply associated with magic and ancestor worship. Through the photography of Soimaud the Guedes become apparent and can be seen among the living if only for a short while.

Soimaud's work sets a stage of themes dedicated to the poetry and beauty of the unheard voices. Born in Paris 1964, the artist now lives and works in Miami.

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