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### Yeelen Art Gallery

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EXHIBITION: ***AROUND JENIN'S*** BY JEROME SOIMAUD AT  
YEELLEN ART GALLERY

February 14<sup>th</sup> - March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009

Opening Reception February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 7-10pm

MIAMI— New works by French artist Jerome Soimaud will be on exhibit at the Yeelen Art Gallery from February 14<sup>th</sup>- March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009, by appointment only.

*Around Jenin's* is a photographic series of Miami's Little Haiti by Jerome Soimaud. From the perspective of a local corner shop, the artist invites you to discover the universe of this African Diaspora.

Jenin's is the quintessential corner shop, a fixture in Little Haiti's urban landscape. It is at the corner shop where much community life is played out. Vibrantly animated, the atmosphere offers many characters: the shop owner, the talker, Casanova, the baller/shot caller, the notorious, and even the dreamer. Ideas are spilled, gossip is shared and a vision for the future is laid out. You occasionally find the stumbling drunk, the so-called lady of the night, and even the police -all patrolling and adding to the spirit around Jenin's. It's about life, surrounded by streetlights, the wailing of sirens, and the sweet sounds of soul music.

Little Haiti is experiencing an infusion of culture, with the opening of the Haitian Cultural Alliance Center and various artist studios it may become a haven for edgier outsider art. Local business owner Ashraf Mashni has big plans to empower the area surrounding Jenin's, with the opening of a game room/lounge at 5952 NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. where he will display the photographic works of Jerome Soimaud, while featuring live music.

Artist Jerome Soimaud has previously shown works of oil on canvas as well as charcoal and graphite on canvas. He now presents for the first time photographic works, offering a new dynamic to the range of his versatility.

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

A reception with the artist will be held on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 7pm.

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