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EXHIBITION: **POSSESSION** BY JEROME SOIMAUD
AT YEELLEN ART GALLERY
December 1st, 2011 -December 31st, 2011

MIAMI— New works by French artist Jerome Soimaud will be on exhibit at Yeelen Art Gallery from December 1st 2011 through December 31st 2011, by appointment only.

"For centuries western society has categorized the African Diaspora as the victims of European domination and exploitation, which led to a false perception of inferiority.

Ancestral beliefs such as Vodou teach us about the capacity of the African Diaspora to overcome the trauma of their mass deportation and to rise up as free people and create their own independence.

The concept of possession typically assumes control or ownership of a host. **Possession** reveals that spirit and practitioner work in unison to celebrate Africa and its rich ancestry.

This is a symbiotic relationship, which recreates a link to Africa that has never been extinguished.

The history of the African Diaspora and the collective memory of Africa reside in these ancient mysteries.

Jerome Soimaud instinctively recognized this reality and therefore was accepted to document all the Vodou ceremonies in South Florida's Haitian Community.

The artist's technique and large format photography allows the viewer to feel the energy and strength of the ceremony.

Soimaud provides the audience with a chronicle of everyday life via figurative imagery.

Born in Paris 1964, the artist now lives and works in Miami.

Works may be viewed by appointment, contact info@yeelenart.com

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