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PRESS RELEASE

Robert Gordy: *From the Estate*

Exhibition Dates: August 3–September, 2024
Opening Reception: August 3, from 6–9 pm
Gallery Location: 432 Julia St., New Orleans, LA 70130
Hours: Tuesday–Saturday, 10 am–5 pm
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The Arthur Roger Gallery is pleased to present an exhibition of paintings and works on paper by Robert Gordy. The exhibition will be on view at Arthur Roger Gallery, located at 432 Julia St, from August 3–September 7, 2024. The gallery will host an opening on Saturday, August 3, from 6–9 PM, in conjunction with White Linen Night.

Robert Gordy is considered one of the most original and creative Southern artists of the 20th century. Upon his untimely death from AIDS in 1986, the artist bequeathed his estate to the New Orleans Museum of Art, to benefit the museum's collection and its programs. This exhibition features works on paper and canvases from this body of work, including work that has not been on view since the artist's 1981 exhibition at The New Orleans Museum of Art.

Gordy's work is renowned for a rare sensitivity in his treatment of color, and exquisite compositional patterning (utilizing a technique self-described as "knitting"). Beyond surface aesthetic, however, Gordy's work is shot through with a riveting emotional reality, informed by the French Symbolist-Surrealist tradition, and most clearly present in the monotype portraiture of his later career.



Evesville Series, c. 1976 | Acrylic on canvas | 68 x 63 ½ inches

Born in Louisiana in 1933, Robert Gordy received his Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts from Louisiana State University. His work was included in the 1973 Whitney Biennial, as well as the 21st National Print Exhibition at the Brooklyn Museum. Throughout his career, he was the recipient of numerous accolades, including a Ford Foundation Fellowship, a Yale-Norfolk Fellowship, and the National Endowment for the Arts Purchase Award. His work is featured in several prestigious collections, including the National Collection of Fine Art (Washington, D.C.), The Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the Whitney Museum of American Art (New York, NY).

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