



Inspiration by Design

Graphic Designer Jacqueline Monique Makes Her First Friday
Solo Debut with *Douleur au Salut (Sorrow to Salvation)*

AUGUST 16, 2010 - PHILADELPHIA, PA – Jacqueline Monique of Ayakoe House debuts her solo art exhibit entitled *Douleur au Salut (Sorrow to Salvation)* at Northern Liberties' North Bowl Lounge located at 909 North 2nd Street in Philadelphia. The exhibit runs from September 3rd through October 3rd, with an opening reception on September 3rd from 7pm to 10pm with the artist.

In *Douleur au Salut (Sorrow to Salvation)*, Jacqueline uses original images taken by master photographer Ronald Corbin of street subjects: prostitutes, drug addicts, and the homeless, and captures their reality in a soft and poetic way. Meanings hidden in geometric design, colors vibrant against the contrast of their subject matter, a new light on a familiar scene. "Each subject comes with its own story," Jacqueline states, and that story is the heart of each piece. Eleven new pieces will be unveiled during the show's opening.

As an artist, Jacqueline Monique's compelling concepts, described as "provocative", "poetic realism" and "unique", represent creative freedom and mindfulness, focusing only on the present moment during the creative process. To her, the main objective of design is innovation and ideas. She creates her work from different perspectives. Design can be an unpredictable experience, however, Jacqueline is a pioneer of ambiance where imagination is the main ingredient.

Jacqueline Monique is the founder of the Creative House of Ayakoe, a design practice based in Philadelphia and New York City that has been featured in the *Web Design Index 9th Edition* and as *Featured Artist of the Week* on *mydailythread.com*. She sits as a panelist with the Philadelphia Arts & Business Council and speaks with college students and new designers at various seminars and workshops. After completing her Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design from Moore College of Art and Design in Philadelphia, Jacqueline has earned considerable recognition collaborating with creative masters in a variety of media.

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