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**Gary Goldberg: *Finding the Universe in Oaxaca*
Opens at Erin Cluley Gallery Saturday, January 13th**

[Dallas, Texas – December 6, 2017] **ERIN CLULEY GALLERY** is pleased to announce an exhibition by photographer **GARY GOLDBERG, *Finding the Universe in Oaxaca***, on Saturday January 13, 2018, at 414 Fabrication Street, with a reception from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. The exhibition features Goldberg's large-scale hand felted tapestries made in partnership with artisans in Oaxaca, Mexico. The subject of the tapestries comes from his photographs of Oaxacan walls and facades taken in close proximity to resemble landscapes and Mexican mythologies.

While shiny photographs of Mexican cobblestone streets lined with brightly stuccoed exteriors may be commonplace, Goldberg's photography steps closer to explore how the Colonial Mexican architecture transforms into landscapes and mythologies when shot in close range. His work is then transformed into photorealistic tapestries using a felting process at Taller Afelpado in San Agustin Etna, Oaxaca, Mexico.

These textiles explore many threads but one central concept; is landscape a construct? In his work Goldberg makes references to the landscape by imposing a false horizon line and creating a pictorial space that refers to a land sky relationship. The works seek to explore the idea of abstracted landscapes by bifurcating a composition and utilizing dark and light values.

It is Goldberg's hope that you find the universe in Oaxaca by what he has seen and created.

Goldberg most recently exhibited works from this series in the Texas Biennial curated by Mexico City based curator Leslie Moody-Castro. He has been awarded a grant from National Endowment for the Arts and his photographs have been published in Texas Monthly. Book photo credits include *The Family of Women* and *Bonfire of Roadmaps*. Goldberg has photographed Jeff Bridges, President Bill Clinton, Kinky Friedman, Larry McMurtry, Willie Nelson and Cybil Sheppard.

About Erin Cluley Gallery

Erin Cluley Gallery is a contemporary art gallery representing emerging, mid-career, and established artists from Dallas and the United States. The gallery presents a provocative program of artists working in both traditional and alternative forms including painting, sculpture, new media, photography, sculptural installation and public intervention.

The 2000 square foot space joined a creative movement in the Trinity Groves development at the foot of the Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge in West Dallas. Erin Cluley Gallery has been in operation since 2014.

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