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**taylor barnes' SACRED SPACES Opens at Erin  
Cluley Gallery Saturday, June 15, running with a  
Special Exhibition for Children**

[Dallas, Texas – May 9, 2019] **ERIN CLULEY GALLERY** is pleased to announce an exhibition by recent University of North Texas MFA graduate taylor barnes, *SACRED SPACES* opening on Saturday, June 15, 2019, at 150 Manufacturing Street, Suite 210, with a reception from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m, and on display through July 13, 2019. The exhibition presents charcoal works on cloth and a large installation of her studio walls recreated in the space.

*SACRED SPACES* illustrates barnes' ability to address race, identity and her position in society. Through historical icons and personal narratives, she speaks to the realities of her identity. As a result, these works have become symbols of self-discovery and reverence. The charcoal on cloth works will be presented in the gallery's exhibition space alongside a 16 foot stretch of wall from barnes' studio giving greater context to the process and history left from the work and creating a space for reflection.

*SACRED SPACES* will run concurrently with *THE ART OF CHILDHOOD*, an interactive exhibit designed for and curated with the help of young art enthusiasts. *THE ART OF CHILDHOOD* features site-specific installations by artist Zeke Williams including custom-designed wall treatments and handmade cheater quilts. A salon of works from the Erin Cluley Gallery program has been curated by a group of local children from Dallas and Fort Worth. Weekly programming of story time and other activities with participation from artists in the gallery's program have been scheduled through the show's closing date of July 13th.

**About the Artist**

**taylor barnes** was born and raised in Austin, Texas. barnes is a recent MFA graduate at the University of North Texas in Fibers. Her solo exhibitions include "Read My Mind" at 500x Gallery and "My Genesis" at UNT on the Square. barnes lived and worked in Denton, Texas and has recently relocated to Austin.

**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.

In 2014, Erin Cluley Gallery ignited a creative movement in West Dallas acting as a hub for visual arts and community engagement. After nearly five years on Fabrication Street, the gallery has moved its operation to Riverbend – a development in Dallas' Design District celebrating the intersection between culture and commerce.

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