

School of the Arts presents Guest Artist Elroy Blue
David Silver Gallery
Friday, October 23, 2009 - Friday, December 4, 2009
Gallery Hours: 9 AM-3 PM

Elroy Blue

Elroy Blue was born in Baltimore, Maryland, and raised in Rochester, New York. His interest in the visual arts began when he discovered collections of art books at the school library. Elroy began to create his early works of art using markers and watercolors. He attended School of the Arts, where he studied under the tutelage of Ms. Tkach and Ms. Lyons. Upon graduating in 1997, Ms. Tkach introduced Elroy to Louis Perticone, Founder and Director of ARTISANworks. Perticone immediately offered him a place as a resident artist. Elroy Blue has continued his education at RIT. He works at ARTISANworks on a daily basis and hopes to continue new work based from research and from portraiture.

About Adventures: Paintings by Elroy Blue

Elroy Blue's work is inspired by snippets of conversation he recalls from school, from the media, and from those who work with him and around him. He enjoys exploring the ideas and expressing them as part of his large series of work: *Adventures*. The collection of his paintings and murals encompass multiple ideas. Elroy Blue's bold acrylic paintings are charged with socio-economic commentary. He works on his compositions at ARTISANworks on the weekends, and is well known for his friendly dialogue with visitors. He often depicts scenes from his own experiences, as well as those that are universally familiar. Blue draws particular attention to one's recognition of time, space, and environment. He often reveals the positive or negative consequences of our actions and interactions with one another. Blue's work is reminiscent of Jean Michele Basquiat; he explores a tremendous amount of content in a modern, bold, and brightly expressionistic manner.