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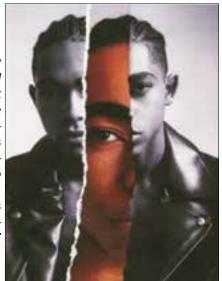
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New York-based artist Mark Aghatise manipulates photographs to create, 'What Lies Underneath.





Gioncarlo Valentine designs art to explore the hyper masculinity within black culture.

## Artists on Black Culture

## Gallery to kick off exhibit with the artists

Two international artists who create art related to black culture will kick off a month long exhibit with First Thursday and Saturday receptions at the nonprofit Blue Sky Gallery, 122 N.W. Eighth Ave.

Mark Aghatise, a London-born, New York-based artist, manipulates photographs to examine the bifurcation of self that occurs in contemporary urban life, "Through photographing other black bodies, I began to better understand my own and ultimately how to contort and queer the space it inhabits," he

Gioncarlo Valentine, a Baltimore-city born and New York based artist, is a documentary portraiture photographer and writer. His work focuses on issues faced by marginalized populations, most often focusing his lens on the experiences of black/ LGBTQIA+ communities.

Aghatise will appear for a free artists talk at the gallery on First Thursday, June 6, at 5 p.m.; and Valentine will do an artists' talk on Saturday, June 8 at 3 p.m.

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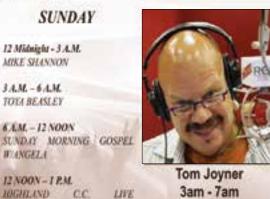


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