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BENEATH THE SURFACE New Work by Michelle Soslau

May 18 – June 25, 2011

Opening Reception: Friday, May 20, 5 – 9 pm

Meet the Artist: Sunday, June 5, 1 – 4 pm

Artist's Talk at 2 pm



Cerulean Arts is pleased to present *Beneath the Surface*, featuring new paintings, collages and photographs by Michelle Soslau. In her second solo exhibition at Cerulean Arts, Soslau continues her exploration of textures and surfaces, particularly inspired by a recent trip snorkeling off the Gulf of Mexico. The undersea sights of coral reefs and her experience of swimming with dolphins, turtles and schools of fish are perceived throughout this latest body of work.

For Soslau, art tells a story, makes a declaration, reveals the subconscious and comments on the world. Using a variety of materials including gauze, Japanese papers, thread and sand, she weaves a deep and vibrant story in her own work. Through this rich layering, she hopes to engage the viewer in a dialogue, provoking such questions as “How is it made?” and “What does it mean?” Soslau also looks to past artists, admiring Jackson Pollock’s freedom, Arthur Dove’s emphasis on nature and Arshile Gorky’s quirky biomorphism.

Michelle Soslau received an MFA from the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts and BFA from Beaver College (now Arcadia University). Additionally, she has studied drawing with artist Timothy Hawkesworth and completed *Seminars in Advanced Theoretical and Critical Studies* at the Barnes Foundation. She has exhibited throughout Pennsylvania and New Jersey, including the University of the Arts, Pagus Gallery, and the Ellarslie Museum in Trenton.

Beneath the Surface is on view May 18 – June 25 and is free and open to the public. The opening reception is Friday, May 20 from 5 - 9 pm. The artist will be available to answer questions about her work Sunday, June 5, 1 - 4 pm with a gallery talk at 2 pm.

Cerulean Arts’ mission is to cultivate an appreciation for art by holding exhibitions, offering unique decorative and fine art for sale and providing art instruction for personal fulfillment. For more information, contact Tina Rocha at 267-514-8647 or tina@ceruleanarts.com.

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