

Jefreid Lotti

Jefreid Lotti (Havana, Cuba, 1989) is an artist and educator based in Miami, Florida. He holds an MFA degree from the University of Florida, Gainesville, FL (2016). In 2012, he co-founded the group Serverus along with painters Miguel Saludes and Alvaro Labanino – this project paved the way to multiple collaborations and exhibitions.

Lotti has exhibited and published his work professionally for the past thirteen years. Among his most recent exhibitions are: his solo show, *Essential Work*, at Gallery 217, Nova Southeastern University, FL (2021); and the group exhibitions *Summer Days* at Bernice Steinbaum Gallery, Miami, FL (2021); *Boundaries*, Florida International University's Miami Beach Urban Studios, Miami Beach, FL (2021); *Bits and Pieces*, The Frank C. Ortis Gallery, Pembroke Pines, FL (2021) and *40th Annual Secura Fine Arts Exhibition*, Trout Museum of Art, Appleton, WI. Among many other awards and recognitions to his work are the *2020 Oolite Arts Relief Fund* (2020); *Artist Residency*, University of Wisconsin, Green-Bay, WI and the *3rd Place Award* at the 8th All-Media Juried Biennial, Hollywood Art and Culture Center (2017). Lotti's work was recently published in the magazine, *Islandia Journal, A (Sub)Tropical Publication*, Miami, FL.

He continues to collaborate with other Miami artists through the artist Collective @hot_stuff11 established by artist Krystal T. Rodriguez in 2020.



Rocking Horse II, 2021
Gouache on recycled cardboard
8x6x3 in
\$100

I started this series when I was teaching a 3D class in Wisconsin in 2019-2020. I was giving my students project that required making a utilitarian object out of cardboard and was inspired to do something similar. I started using Amazon boxes to make these toy-like sculptures that I would ship to friends and family as a way to reconnect when everyone we knew was far away. Painted with Gouache these pieces all come apart and fold flat to facilitate shipping. They are based on toys, animals and characters.

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