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## PRESS RELEASE

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### Atlanta Contemporary presents The Dapper Comes to the Walkers – a solo exhibition by Dapper Bruce LaFitte.

On view: May 19 – Jul 10

Public Opening: Thursday, May 5, 7–9pm

**ATLANTA**—REVISION – March 15 – [Atlanta Contemporary Art Center](#) (Atlanta Contemporary) is pleased to announce a solo exhibition by Dapper Bruce LaFitte, formerly Bruce Davenport, Jr. was born in 1972 and grew up in the LaFitte Housing Projects in the 6th Ward. With the encouragement of his grandparents who raised him, he began to draw at the age of five as a means to entertain himself and document the world around him. Following Hurricane Katrina and the devastation to New Orleans and its schools, LaFitte felt compelled to honor the past glory of this unique band culture and celebrate those who are able to continue it. In his words, “The marching bands are a passion to me. I love the history and culture... My work serves as an illustrative reminder of an activity that not only encourages creative thought processing but also engages youth with the community and with each other. Using photographic documentation of these bands in action, I recreate their vibrant pageantry... hopefully leaving behind a sacred reminder of a vibrant part of my hometown’s identity.” LaFitte’s vivid color marker drawings provide detailed reenactments - the bands in precise number and formation and the multitude of spectators surrounding them.

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**Bruce Davenport Jr.**, aka Dapper Bruce LaFitte (b. 1972 New Orleans, Louisiana) has received national attention. He has exhibited at the Dieu Donne Gallery and the as if gallery in New York and also at the Lambent Foundation in New York. His work was exhibited at the Contemporary Arts Center in New Orleans as part of Prospect 1.5 and

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at the New Orleans Museum of Art as part of Prospect 2. He is represented by Louis b. James, New York. Bruce Davenport lives and works in the lower 9th ward.

## ABOUT ATLANTA CONTEMPORARY

Atlanta Contemporary Art Center is a non-profit, non-collecting institution dedicated to the creation, presentation, and advancement of contemporary art by emerging and established artists. Atlanta Contemporary creates a diverse cultural landscape for artists, arts professionals, and the art-interested public through its exhibitions, educational programming, and studio artist program.

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