

# COLLAGE OF CREATION



## MAGIC IN THE EVERYDAY

Artist and illustrator **Maya Gohill** creates work based in realism that add a touch of whimsy and spirituality to everyday scenes. "I find that there is so much magic and interest in mundane things if you look at them differently," she says. In her latest series of paintings, entitled *Momoste*, she hopes to bring "subtle references to spirituality and the human spirit" in events like riding the bus or waiting in line. Gohill has a fine arts degree in painting from the University of Calgary and a masters in illustration from San Francisco's Academy of Art College. For more information, visit [mayagohill.com](http://mayagohill.com) or [artcentral.ca](http://artcentral.ca). — Anthony Charron

## SOUL SINGING

On his first full length album, *Black and White Phonetics (love)*, Calgary singer/songwriter **Michael Bernard Fitzgerald** lays down 14 soulful songs describing love in all of its forms. While the 20-year-old talent shows the influence of current acoustic stars like Ben Harper and Jack Johnson, he also cites Marvin Gaye and Motown as influencing his individual sound. The record's title aptly describes the arrangements, songwriting and production of the album. A second year drama student at the University of Lethbridge, Fitzgerald only debuted as an acoustic musician in June of 2005 after a five-month trip to Australia. The album is available at Megatunes. — A. C.



## PRACTICE WHAT YOU TEACH

In his book *Mwákwa Talks to the Loon: A Cree Story for Children* (Heritage House 2006) **Dale Auger** gives words and beautiful illustrations to the legend of Kayla, a young man who learns, as Auger says, that "we are all born with gifts, and to utilize these gifts, to acknowledge them and respect them will serve you well." The artist and motivational speaker originally from the Bigstone Cree Nation in northern Alberta is known for his brightly coloured works, which have become widely collected. Auger has also earned a doctorate in education from the University of Calgary. See more of his work at [daleauger.com](http://daleauger.com). — A. C.

