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BATH HOUSE  
CULTURAL CENTER



## The Bath House Cultural Center becomes a bohemian Salon space for eclectic visual art

### SALON DU FIT 4 Invitational Exhibition

July 7-August 4, 2007

Opening Reception with the Artists:  
Saturday, July 7, 2007 (7-9 PM) – Free and open to the public

DALLAS, TX – The Bath House Cultural Center invites the public to enjoy fine art in a comfortable, intimate and relaxing Salon atmosphere. Back by popular demand, the Salon du FIT, a special invitational art exhibition featuring a wonderful variety of paintings, sculpture, photographs and mixed media art created by local artists, returns to the Bath House Cultural Center, July 7-August 4, 2007.

In current times, people are used to seeing art in non-traditional spaces - lobbies, coffee houses, even shopping malls - but the Salon experience transforms the formal art gallery into a living room full of art, chairs, couches, tables, lamps and games that, when presented together, truly create a vibrant artistic synergy.

The inspiration for this show comes from the Salon exhibitions from the 1920s and 1930s, which were designed to be bohemian audience retreats as well as places for discussion, debate, small performance pieces, workshops and coffee-talk. The art was an important part in creating a whole atmosphere of artistic exchange. During that period, prominent art patrons such as Gertrude Stein hosted cultural salons at their homes that became gathering places for leading artists, intellectuals and writers. Some notable artists that attended these salons included Pablo Picasso, Henry Matisse and Ernest Hemingway, among many others.

This summer, instead of Picasso, Matisse and Hemingway, the Bath House Cultural Center is featuring James Michael Starr, Eliseo García and Heather Gorham - artists, we assure you, just as eclectic and world-wise as their predecessors!

The curator of the Salon du FIT exhibition is **Rita Barnard**, a visual artist and designer who lives and works in Dallas. Ms. Barnard compiled a very diverse collection of art from the Dallas/Fort Worth art community and from other cities as well. New and unseen talent will be represented in this exhibition alongside a number of familiar artists.

The artists featured in this exhibition include:

**Brad Abrams, Laura Abrams, Ann Adams, Mirtha Aertker, Kimberly Alexander, Rebecca Boatman, Ann Broadway, J R Compton, Ray-Mel Cornelius, Ron Criswell, Eliseo García, Kristen Erwin, Nancy Ferro, Chris Fulmer, Heather Gorham, John Guzzino, Ann Huey, Niloo Jalivand, Norman Kary, Evamaria Kutscheid, Ippi Lincoln, Charlotte Lindsey, Ken Martin, David McCullough, Julia McLain-Echols, Robert Moore, Chet Morrison, Anna Palmer, Gaby Pruitt, Alison Starr, James Michael Starr, Debbie Stinson, T. Stone, Jeanne Sturdevant, Michael Tichansky, Jose Vargas and Cheryl Wolfe.**

The Salon du FIT 4 exhibition is presented in connection with the Bath House Cultural Center's **9th Annual Festival of Independent Theatres (FIT)**. FIT was created as an outlet for smaller companies without a permanent performance space to give them an opportunity to produce seldom seen, new, or avant-garde works. FIT exists to promote awareness and growth of Dallas area theatre through collaboration, participation and cultivation. To read more about FIT, please visit <http://bathhousecultural.com/FIT2007.html>

#### **PRESS PHOTOGRAPHS:**

To download print-resolution (300 dpi) JPEG press photographs of this exhibition, please visit the on-line pressroom at <http://www.bathhousecultural.com/press.html>. For screen-resolution (72 dpi), JPEG photographs, please visit <http://www.bathhousecultural.com/salondufit4.html> and copy images directly from the web page. Publication of photographs must contain the credit line provided on the webpage. Photographs may only be used for promotional, educational, or non-commercial purposes.

#### **ABOUT THE BATH HOUSE CULTURAL CENTER:**

The Bath House Cultural Center is a division of the City of Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs. The center is dedicated to fostering the growth, development and quality of multi-cultural arts within the City of Dallas. The center emphasizes innovating visual and performing arts as well as other multi-discipline events throughout the year.

Funding for the Bath House Cultural Center is provided by the City of Dallas, with additional support from the Texas Commission on the Arts.

#### **LOCATION AND HOURS:**

The Bath House Cultural Center is located on the eastern shore of White Rock Lake at the end of Northcliff Dr. off of Buckner Blvd. at 521 E. Lawther, Dallas, TX 75218. Hours of operation are Tuesday-Saturday, 12:00 noon to 6:00 PM. The center is open until 10:00 PM on nights with theatre performances. For general information about cultural programs at the Bath House Cultural Center, please call (214) 670-8749 or visit the center's website at [www.bathhousecultural.com](http://www.bathhousecultural.com).

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