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The Ice House Cultural Center presents its annual Day of the Dead Exhibition

October 21 - November 14, 2008

Artist reception: November 1, 2008 (6-8 p.m.)

Dallas, TX – The Ice House Cultural Center presents its annual Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) exhibition, October 21 through November 14, 2008. A reception with the artists will take place on Saturday, November 1, 2008 from 6 to 8 p.m. The exhibition features very touching and personal altars that honor deceased loved ones in addition to an eclectic mix of works that portray the artists' interpretations of death as whimsical, humorous, or haunting.

Participants include Gigi Austin, Elizabeth Bogard, Kimberley Renelle Bradshaw, Billy Bucher, Annamarie Ciofani, Marissa Colomo, Brett Dyer, Curtis Fesser, Julio Cesar Flores, Guirsel Franco, Steven Gonzalez, Bryan Gooding, Coot Grimes, Frank Guerra, Genaro Hernandez, Anthony Hulsey, Tricia A. Lambert, Michael P. Marek, Laurie Maves, Lori McCracken, Laura Murphy, Areli Reyes Duran, Lupe Romero, Nissa Salas, Joe Sarate, Ludwicka Stark Norton, Jennifer Walz, Angie Wood, Ava Worm and Julie Zarate.

About the Day of the Dead tradition

According to ancient Mexican traditions, every year the spirits of the dead come back to visit with their families. This occurs on All Saints Day (November 1) and on the Day of the Dead (November 2). Cemeteries are cleaned and decorated and elaborate altars with offerings to the dead are built in homes to welcome the departed souls. This tradition sustains the conviction that life and death are inseparable.

Press photographs

Print-resolution (300 dpi) JPEG press photographs are available upon request. Photographs may only be used for promotional, educational, or non-commercial purposes.

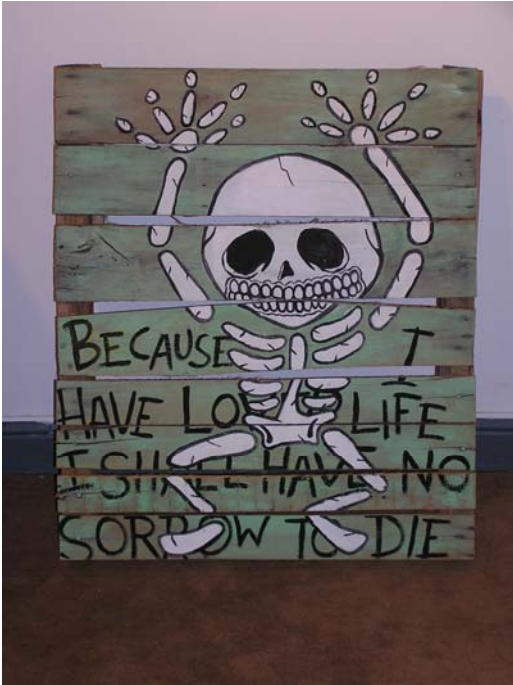
Ice House Cultural Center

The Ice House Cultural Center is a division of the City of Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs. The center provides a Latino-focused venue to promote arts and cultural events that reflect the diversity of Oak Cliff and the surrounding neighborhoods. The Ice House Cultural Center is sponsored, in part, by the Texas Commission on the Arts.

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Location and hours

The Ice House Cultural Center is located in Oak Cliff at 1004 W. Page Street, Dallas, Texas 75208, near the intersection of Polk Avenue and 12th Street. The Ice House Cultural Center is open Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 6 PM and on Saturday from 12 to 6 PM. The center is closed on Sunday and Monday. For more information on the Ice House Cultural Center programs, visit www.dallasculture.org.



Because I Have Loved Life by Lori McCracken



Altar by Guirsel Franco

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