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*Dallas exhibition reveals that for many artists, art is a matter of
the heart*

The Bath House Cultural Center presents

The 15th Annual EL CORAZON Art Exhibition

Curated by Jose Vargas

February 7-March 7, 2009

Opening Reception with the Artists: Saturday, February 7, 2009 (7-9 PM)

Featuring a musical performance by Joseph Gomez and a cooking
demonstration by Guadalupe Díaz de León

Free and open to the public

DALLAS –The Bath House Cultural Center presents the 15th Annual **El Corazón** Art Exhibition, February 7-March 7, 2009. An opening reception with the participating artists will be held on Saturday, February 7, 2009 from 7 to 9 PM. Both the exhibition and the reception are free and open to the public.

In addition to providing an opportunity to the public to meet the exhibiting artists, the

reception will also feature the following program:

“Nos Dieron Calabazas” (We Were Given Squashes) – An appetizing cooking demonstration by Guadalupe Díaz de León that includes traditional Mexican dishes that have a variety of squashes and pumpkins as their main ingredient. *Dar Calabazas* is a colloquial phrase from Latin America that means to give someone the cold shoulder or to reject someone’s romantic proposal. The delicious food from this demonstration will put some warmth in the broken hearts of those whose romantic desires have been squashed.

Music with Joseph Gomez – Dallas musician Joseph Gomez, explores rhythms that combine elements of Latin rock, blues, and traditional Ranchera music with his exhilarating guitar playing.

About the exhibition:

Since 1993, this passionate and delightfully eclectic art exhibition has featured diverse creations inspired by the human heart (El Corazón), an important symbol in Mexican and Latin American art, and a significant theme in western culture. This year, this popular show features the work of more than forty artists from the DFW Metroplex, San Antonio, Houston, and Austin. The artwork included in El Corazón includes paintings, sculptures, photography, and mixed-media art.

The artists featured in the 15th Annual El Corazón art exhibition are:

Nancy Bass, Rebecca Boatman, Betty Bucher, Kristine Byars, Paul Carranza, Chanda Castillo, Marissa Colomo, Lori Dudley, Lori Dudley, Jacque Forsher, Bryan Gooding, Jamie Graham, Stephanie G. Guajardo, Karen Jacobi, Maria Rosa Jaral, Juan J. Hernandez, Kathy Kromer, Lisa Lindholm, Eli Lorenz, Laurie Maves, Julia McLain-Echols, Armando Moran, Sandra A. Moreno, Terry Mosher, Ludwicka S. Norton, Juli Hulcy, Lizbeth Ortiz, Carlos Quadra, Eli M. Sanchez, Joe Sarate, Kate Schatz, Cindy Seely, Raul Servin, Pam Stern, Sylvia Thornton, Diane Torres, Juan Valdez, Patricia Wass, Isabela Wocick, and Julie Zarate.

About the exhibition curator:

Jose Vargas, Gallery Coordinator of the Ice House Cultural Center, is the curator of this exhibition. An active visual artist himself, Mr. Vargas has displayed his art photographs and paintings extensively in local and regional art venues. Mr. Vargas conceived the annual El Corazon and Virgen de Guadalupe exhibitions and has curated both shows for the City of Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs with great acclaim since 1993.

Please visit <http://bathhousecultural.com/corazon2009.html> for more information and to preview selected art pieces from the exhibition.

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"Soulmate" - Graphite and watercolor
by Stephanie G. Guajardo

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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

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