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Mythical creatures lure the viewer in art exhibition at the Bath House

The Bath House Cultural Center presents

**Exquisite Creatures:
The Mermaid and Octopus Show**

Curated by Katrina Doran

May 9-June 6, 2009

Opening Reception with the Artists: Saturday, May 9, 2009 (7-9 PM)
Free and open to the public

DALLAS – The Bath House Cultural Center presents *Exquisite Creatures: The Mermaid and Octopus Show*, an art exhibition curated by *Katrina Doran* that explores the symbolism, mythology, and creative possibilities inspired by the image of mermaids and octopuses. This group exhibition runs from May 9 to June 6, 2009.

An opening reception with the artists, featuring music, food, costumes, and even a fortune-teller booth--all in a wonderful festive atmosphere--will be held on Saturday, May 9, 2009 from 7 to 9 PM. Both the exhibition and the reception are free and open to the public.

Mermaids and octopuses are beautiful, mysterious, and strangely mesmerizing sea creatures that have long held an enchanting place in the imaginations of the young and old. Mermaids are mythical beings, half human and half fish that populate the fantastic dreams and imagination of artists. Octopuses are another fascinating water creature both liked and disliked for their odd look and interesting behavior. Mermaid and octopus imagery dates back to ancient Greek and Roman decorative arts and is now on the rise in our present-day popular culture. This exhibition has been designed as a sideshow circus to integrate the fascination and repulsion of these two creatures in a way that can truly thrill our creative spirits.

The Bath House Cultural Center seems a perfect venue for the subject, given its proximity to the lake (even though octopuses and mermaids are sea creatures). This is an exhibition that is designed for the whole family to enjoy, to experience new art, meet the artists, and be entertained by the theatrical folk arts. The entertainment of the event builds enthusiasm for the show and provides a space for the community to meet and be inspired.

The artists who are participating in the Exquisite Creatures show are **Karin Michele Anderson, Judy Buckner, Jessica Burnham-Hinton, Connie Chantillis, Rebecca Collins, Ray-Mel Cornelius, Lori Cusick, Cynthia Daniel, Todd Daniel, Denny Doran, Dan Dudley, Lori Dudley, Susan Giller, Valery Guignon, Chris Howell, Juli Hulcy, Johanna Hulsey, Lottie Minnick, Linda Noland, Stephanie Noland, Ricardo Paniagua, Dan Pedigo, Jim Penak, Tori Pendergrass, Drucilla Perez-Tubens, Johnny Perez, Judith Lea Perkins, Dianne Sonnenberg, Patricia VanBuskirk, Joyce Ward, Jamie Weisbrod, Karen Weiss, and Sherry Zander.**

About the Curator: *Katrina Doran* teaches mosaic classes and workshops at the Creative Arts Center of Dallas, at the Visual Expressions Creative Arts Studio in Cedar Hill, and at other spots in the local area. An active artist herself, Katrina is a member of the Society of American Mosaic Artists and the Texas Sculpture Association, and is also a Board Member for the Texas Visual Arts Association.

Please visit www.bathhousecultural.com/exquisitecreatures.html for more information and to preview selected art pieces from the exhibitions.

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"Cephalopods" - Mixed media mosaic by Rebecca Collins

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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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