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Visual artists continue to be deeply inspired by heart exhibition

The Bath House Cultural Center presents

The 17th Annual EL CORAZON Art Exhibition

Curated by Jose Vargas

January 29-February 26, 2011

Opening Reception with the Artists: Saturday, January 29, 2011 (7-9 PM)

Free and open to the public

DALLAS –The Bath House Cultural Center presents the 17th Annual **El Corazón** Art Exhibition, January 29-February 26, 2011. An opening reception with the participating artists will be held on Saturday, January 29, 2011 from 7 to 9 PM. Both the exhibition and the reception are free and open to the public.

Over fifty local and regional artists will present their creations in this popular exhibition, which has become a favorite of many art patrons of the Bath House Cultural Center. The idea of creating an opportunity for local artists to explore various artistic interpretations of the human heart was conceived by Dallas artist and curator, Jose Vargas in 1993. Since then, this passionate and delightfully eclectic art show has featured diverse creations inspired by the heart (El Corazón), an important symbol in Mexican and Latin American art, and a significant theme in western culture. Mr. Vargas has always been attracted to the symbol of the heart and, because of that fascination, he decided to create a public showcase of outstanding heart-related art pieces. This exhibition has enabled him throughout the years to share his passion with art patrons in Dallas and to engage close to one thousand participating artists. The artwork included in the 2011 El Corazón includes paintings, sculptures, photography, and mixed-media art.

The artists featured in the exhibition are:

Denise Althea Graham, Chandra Armstead, Deeya Bain, Joni Beamish, Laura Beikman, Penelope Bisbee, Carol Blanchard Parks, Angie Bolling, Eunice Bridges, Roy Cirigliana, Ray-Mel Cornelius, Patricia Curry, Dan Dudley, Lori Dudley, Gina Marie Dunn, Jacque Forsher, Sandra Gonzalez, April Greenlee, Rebecca Guy, Franziska Haarmann, Juli Hulcy, Karen Jacobi, Laura Johnson, Jenny Keller, KeLaine Kvale, Katrine Kyhnel, Javier Limon, Eli Lorenz, Darlene Macias, Laurie Mahoney, Kerian Massey, Julia McLain, Teresa Megahan, Karen Merten, William Messimer, Sharon Neel-Bagley, Melia Newman, Jennifer Olvera, Carol Pankrat, Cap Pannell, Paul Pena, Filiberto Pérez, Luzette Portillo Flores, Alfredo Rodriguez, Johanna Roffino Hulsey, Lisa Rountree, Lesley Rucker, Ruth Sanchez, Armando Sebastian, Cindy Seely, Pam Stern, Linda D. Stokes, Melissa Wertz, Michelle Wertz, Tamara Wyndham, and David Zarazua.

About the exhibition curator:

In addition to his duties as exhibition curator, Mr. Vargas is also an active visual artist. He 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, two popular exhibitions in Dallas, and has curated both shows for the City of Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs with great acclaim since 1993.

Please visit www.bathhousecultural.com for more information and to preview selected art pieces from the exhibition.

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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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