



Call for Entries

Entries Deadline: **Wednesday, September 14, 2011 by 5 PM**



Bath House
CULTURAL CENTER

2011 DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS (Day of the Dead) Art Exhibition

The Bath House Cultural Center will proudly present the 25th Annual **Día de los Muertos** (Day of the Dead) art exhibition, October 15-November 12, 2011. This show will feature local, regional, and international artists working in traditional and contemporary styles to celebrate, explore, and honor people, things and ideas that have "passed on."

For years, the Día de los Muertos exhibitions at the Bath House have showcased works of art that cover a diverse gamut of artistic expressions, ranging from very serious and solemn subject matter to more joyful and celebratory themes.

Our Advice for this Year:

MAKE THE ART FESTIVE! After all, this year marks the 25th anniversary of this popular show. It is time to celebrate, indeed!

ELIGIBILITY

All entries must be original works of art completed between 2009 and 2011. Entries that have been exhibited in previous Día de los Muertos exhibitions at the Bath House will not be accepted. Entries that do not meet submission requirements will not be considered and will be disqualified.

MEDIA

Art in all media will be considered. All two-dimensional art must be properly wired and suitable for hanging.

Altar installations must be pre-approved by the curator. Because of insurance restrictions, the use of irreplaceable items in altars is discouraged. Candles can be used for display only and must not be lit. Although acceptable, the use of perishable items, such as food and flowers is also discouraged. Artists who wish to exhibit multi-media/electronic installations must furnish their own equipment.

GALLERY AGREEMENT

The exhibition curator will make final decision for the inclusion of entries in the show. Artists will be notified via telephone or e-mail about the selection results no later than **September 17**. The decision of the curators is final and indisputable.

Permission to photograph and reproduce accepted entries for promotional and educational purposes is considered granted unless otherwise indicated by the artist. The Bath House Cultural Center Advisory Council requests a donation of 14% of the purchase value of all art sold during the exhibition.

Submission of entries constitutes agreement to the conditions set forth above and in the **Gallery Policy for Exhibitions** (visit http://www.dallaspublicart.info/downloads/bhcc_policy.pdf to review policy). Printed copies of the policy may be obtained from the Bath House upon request.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Artists may submit up to two entries. No entry fee is required. Entries must be submitted as prints or digital images on a disk that are clearly labeled. If the entry is an altar installation, the artist must provide a detailed graphic description of the finished piece (size, materials, samples of preliminary work, sketches, etc.). All other entries must represent the completed work of art in order to be considered.

Please prepare a page with information about your pieces including title, medium, size, and sale value, and submit it along with your entries.

Please do not submit original materials for consideration. The Bath House Cultural Center will not be responsible for damaged entry materials. Entry materials will not be returned to the artists.

DELIVERY, LIABILITY, AND INSURANCE

Any accepted artwork that is delivered after the scheduled date of delivery will not be included in the exhibition. All artwork should be either shipped (at the artist's expense) or hand-delivered to and from the Bath House. The Bath House Cultural Center will not be responsible for damage, loss or deterioration of any work while in transit. All reasonable care will be given to each work of art when received.

At its discretion, the City of Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs will provide insurance on most works of art. In some cases, however, the City of Dallas may refuse to insure certain pieces of art. In such cases, the artist will sign an assumption of risk declaration and a waiver releasing the gallery from any liability, if the artist still chooses to include his/her artwork in the show despite of the lack of insurance coverage. Also, the Bath House will not be responsible for art that is damaged while in the custody of the center as a result of defective hanging or installation mechanisms provided by the artists. As an added precaution, artists have the option to purchase coverage separately from their own insurance providers.

CALENDAR

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Wednesday, September 14, 2011 by 5 PM
(not a "postmark deadline")

Mail/deliver to:

Bath House Cultural Center
25th Anniversary - Day of the Dead Exhibition
521 E. Lawther Drive
Dallas, TX 75218
Entries will not be accepted via e-mail.

Hours for delivering entries in person:
Tuesday-Saturday (1-5 PM)

Delivery of accepted artwork:

Tuesday, October 4, 2011
(4-7 PM) - Late deliveries will not be accepted.
Curator will determine dates for altar deliveries and installations.

Show dates: October 15-November 12, 2011

Opening reception: Sunday, October 16, 2011 (5-7 PM)

Artwork pickup: Tuesday, November 15, 2011 (4-7 PM)

ABOUT THE DIA DE LOS MUERTOS TRADITION:

According to an ancient Mexican tradition, every year the spirits of the dead come back to visit with their families. This occasion happens on All Saints Day (Nov 1) and on the Day of the Dead (Nov 2). During the celebration, cemeteries are cleaned and decorated with flowers and elaborate altars with offerings to the dead are built in the homes to welcome back each family's departed souls. Large feasts of favorite foods are prepared. Special gifts-- items of which the dead person was fond or which might be needed for the next life- are also placed at the altar.

This tradition sustains the conviction that life and death are inseparable. Those who embrace this attitude live intensely for the moment because they recognize that there is a final end to life.

Questions?

Please contact the exhibition curator, Enrique Fernández Cervantes at (214) 670-8723 or enrique.fernandez@dallascityhall.com

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