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Visual artists use plots from FIT theater festival as inspiration

The Bath House Cultural Center presents

Fictional 2

July 9-August 6, 2011

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

Free and open to the public

DALLAS –The Bath House Cultural Center presents *Fictional 2*, an exhibition featuring mixed media artwork by forty-two local and regional artists, July 9-August 6, 2011. An opening reception with the artists will be held on Saturday, July 9, 2011 from 7 to 9 PM. Both the exhibition and the reception are free and open to the public.

After its popular debut last year, *Fictional* is returning once again in 2011 with a new collection of highly original and imaginative artwork. *Fictional* is designed as a collaborative project between the Bath House gallery and the 13th Annual Festival of Independent Theatres (FIT). In the same spirit as FIT, which strives to celebrate the talent of local independent theatre companies, the exhibition also has as its main goal to provide a showcase for the innovative, transcendent, and thriving art created by local and regional visual artists.

To compile the artwork for this exhibition, artists were asked come up with their own artistic interpretations of the plots of the eight one-act plays that are being presented as part of FIT. Artists were not given a detailed description of the plays; rather, they received a list of short phrases or blurbs derived from the theatrical productions from which they selected themes for their works of art. Because the artists had no thorough knowledge of the content of the plays, they ended up creating personal, unique, and independent interpretations of the themes, based solely on the few words of the blurbs.

The participating artists are **Amelia Anthony, Matt Bagley, Rita Barnard, Kimberly Bradshaw Meadows, Debbie Buie, Lisa Cannon, Jane Cornish Smith, Emily Connor, Alfie Coy, Cynthia Daniel, Christa Diepenbrock, Cuyler Etheredge, Valarie Evans, Jacque Forsher, Jose A. Hernandez, Juan J. Hernandez, Yessenia Hernandez, Richard Howdy, Ellie Ivanova, Carmen Kelley, Rachel Knowles, KeLaine Kvale, Julius Longshaw, Rachel Lord, Terri Neal, Sharon Neel-Bagley, Melia Newman, Cap Pannell, Paul Peña, Ginn Powell, Octaviano Rangel, Rolando Reyna, Lesley Rucker, Stacy Smith, Jeanne Sturdevant, Madeleine Terry, Jessica Trevizo, Mary Ann Turner, VET, Jon Walz, Melissa Wertz, and Michele Wertz.**

Please visit www.bathhousecultural.com for more information and to preview selected art pieces from the exhibition in the Photo Gallery. To learn more about the Festival of Independent Theatres, please visit <http://www.festivalofindependenttheatres.org>.

Press Photographs:

To download print-resolution (300 dpi) JPEG press photographs of this exhibition, please visit the online Press Room at <http://enriquefernandezcervantes.com/bhccpress/>

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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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