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CULTURAL CENTER

Artists create an eclectic collection of pieces inspired by the symbol of the heart

The Bath House Cultural Center presents

The 18th Annual EL CORAZON Art Exhibition

Curated by Jose Vargas

February 4-March 3, 2012

Opening Reception with the Artists: Saturday, February 4, 2012 (7-9 PM)

Free and open to the public

DALLAS –The Bath House Cultural Center presents the 18th Annual **El Corazón exhibition**, a show that features diverse creations inspired by the heart (El Corazón), an important symbol in Mexican and Latin American art, and a significant theme in western culture. The exhibition will run from February 4 to March 3, 2012. An opening reception with the artists will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2012 from 7 to 9 PM. Both the exhibition and the reception are free and open to the public.

When Jose Vargas, a visual artist and independent exhibition curator from Dallas, first saw a picture of a heart pierced by an arrow depicted with the number 27 and the words *El Corazón* on the playing card of the Mexican game, Loteria, he knew that his next project would be related to such a powerful and inspiring symbol. After seeking and finding artists who were also fascinated by the aesthetics and cultural and artistic relevance of the heart, Mr. Vargas curated and presented their artwork in the first El Corazon exhibition in 1993 with great success. The show soon became an annual tradition and an extremely popular event for the Bath House Cultural Center and for the vast number of regional artists who have participated in this passionate and delightfully eclectic art show throughout the years.

The artwork included in the 2012 El Corazón includes paintings, sculptures, photography, and mixed-media art.

The artists featured in the exhibition are:

ARTners Group, Kerian Babbitt-Massey, Awadh Baryoum, Carley Blackman, Angie Bolling, Eunice Bridges, Debbie Buie, Rebecca Collins, Liz Conrad, Ray-Mel Cornelius, Patricia Curry, Katrina Doran, Lori Dudley, Gina Marie Dunn, Brett Dyer, Jacque Forsher, Tyra Goodley, Cindy Gray, Rebecca Guy, Kimberly Harris, Hayden Harris, Anna Hernandez, Lizzett Herrera, Antoaneta Hillman, Suzan Kumar, Katrine Kyhnel, Joanna LaGrone-Headrick, Rachel E. Lord, Eli Lorenz, Roberta Masciarelli, Julia McLain, Julie Mortillaro, Teri Muse, Lauri Osburn Thomas, Becky Phillips, Evy Pitcher, Adam Ramirez, Marty Ray, Richard Ray, Alfredo Rodriguez, Lesley Rucker, Lowell Sargeant, Kate Schatz, Armando Sebastian, Heather Shoulders, Pam Stern, Linda Stokes, Diane Torres, Juan Torres-Zavala, Melissa Jane Wertz and David Zarazúa II.

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

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