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Bath House
CULTURAL CENTER

Dallas' first neighborhood cultural center celebrates its 30th Anniversary

The Bath House Cultural Center presents

From Sandy Beaches to Vibrant Arts: 30th Anniversary of the Bath House Cultural Center

September 3-October 1, 2011

Opening Reception with the Artists: Saturday, September 3, 2011 (7-9 PM)

Free and open to the public

DALLAS –The Bath House Cultural Center presents *From Sandy Beaches to Vibrant Arts*, a commemorative art exhibition featuring the artwork of over forty-two local and regional artists that celebrates the 30th Anniversary of the Bath House Cultural Center. The exhibition will run from September 3 to October 1, 2011. An opening reception with the artists will be held on Saturday, September 3, 2011 from 7 to 9 PM. Both the exhibition and the reception are free and open to the public.

The Bath House is celebrating its 30th anniversary as the first neighborhood cultural center of Dallas this year. For all those years, the center's mission has been to foster the development and quality of multi-cultural arts within the city of Dallas through visual and performing art programs. The Bath House, however, has a much older history that dates back to 1930, when the center was used primarily as a popular recreational spot for swimmers and nature lovers. Its history as a cultural center only goes back 30 years when the City of Dallas leaders and a group of neighborhood advocates worked to renovate the Bath House and reopen it on August 22, 1981, beginning its new role as a promoter of the arts.

In the exhibition *From Sandy Beaches to Vibrant Arts: 30th Anniversary of the Bath House Cultural Center*, over forty local and regional artists create pieces that look back at

the building's history from its original use as a popular recreational spot to its most recent use as an invigorating place for the visual and performing arts. The collection of art is a fitting tribute to the significant contribution that the Bath House has made to the arts and culture of Dallas over the years, and it provides a foretaste of the encouraging future of the arts of Dallas by showcasing the artwork of established artists, as well as work by a future generation of talented visual artists.

The artists participating in this show are: **Juan Miguel Aguirre, Karin Michele Anderson, Dan Richard Barber, Rita Barnard, Bernard Bortnick, John W. Bount, George Boyd, Shirley Boyd, Kent Boyer, Jim Bullion, Jr., Kristine Byars, Diana Chase, Nancy J. Cole, J R Compton, Patricia Curry, Jerry Dodd , Nancy Ferro, David Fisher, Julio César Flores, Daniel Gómez-Portela, Niki Gulley, Jose Angel Hernandez, Michael Higdon, Sherry Houpt, Alison Jardin, Daniel Jardin, Matt Korpenko, KeLaine Kvale, Marisela Lazcano, Susan Lecky, Roberta Maciarelli, Julia McLain, Maisie O'Brien, Anna Palmer, Cap Pannell, Richard Ray, Guy Reynolds, Frank Sharp, T. Stone, Madeleine Terry, Mary Ann Turner, Graciela Vaquera, Jose Vargas, and Scott Williams.**

Enrique Fernández Cervantes, Visual Arts Coordinator and Curator of the City of Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs, curated the exhibition.

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

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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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