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Bath House  
CULTURAL CENTER

## *Three local photographers pay artistic tribute to White Rock Lake in its Centennial celebration*

The White Rock Lake Museum presents

### **White Rock Lake: An Inspiring Work of Art** Photographs by J R Compton, Brian Hiltz, and Todd Landry

June 25-October 1, 2011

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

Free and open to the public

DALLAS - The White Rock Lake Museum presents *White Rock Lake: An Inspiring Work of Art*, a photography exhibition that celebrates the lake's beauty and grace featuring the artwork of local photographers, **J R Compton**, **Brian Hiltz**, and **Todd Landry**. The exhibition, which commemorates the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of White Rock Lake, will run from June 25 to October 1, 2011. An opening reception with the photographers will be held on Saturday, July 9, 2011 from 7 to 9 PM. The exhibition and reception are free and open to the public.

"Beautiful," "enchanting," "mesmerizing," "a jewel in the heart of the city," "the people's playground." These are some of the superlatives and nicknames given to White Rock Lake throughout the years by the large number of people who have visited this magnificently scenic destination in Dallas. Historians refer to the lake in terms of timelines, anecdotes, and chronological data. They will tell you about the days of the severe drought, the Civilian Conservation Corps, and about significant historical figures who contributed to the development of the lake and the park. Naturalists will point out important scientific information related to the type of plant and animal species that are common in the lake area. They will speak of pelicans, fish hatcheries, free roaming bison, and Maximilian sunflowers. Someone who had memories of visiting the Bath

House in their youth or childhood would very likely begin a conversation by saying enthusiastically: “I used to swim here.” Or they would be inclined to ask you if you have heard the mysterious tale of the Lady the Lake. Anyone who has enjoyed a play or concert on the stage of the Bath House, or admired the artwork of local artists inside its gallery spaces, would undoubtedly tell you about the stimulating cultural activities presented near the lake for years.

All of those people have been spellbound by the lake’s beauty and grace. Visual artists are no exception. Painters spend afternoons at the lake painting a landscape, sculptors have found objects from nature for their sculptures at the lake, and young art students have gathered at the park to sketch and draw the natural surroundings. Photographing the lake has brought joy to many artists, including the three photographers featured in this exhibition, **J R Compton**, **Todd Landry**, and **Brian Hiltz**. The three photographers have come to recognize White Rock Lake as a true ecological, recreational, and cultural treasure that possesses an exquisite and elegant presence that is worth capturing on film and digital photographic media. The sources of inspiration for the three artists are diverse, but their affinity for capturing images of nature brings them together in this project organized by the White Rock Lake Museum in celebration of the Centennial of the lake. The photographers evoke a deep sense of serenity and introspection with their images. They also reveal things and moments that are often overlooked in our daily life. The photographers focus on what is frequently imperceptible or disregarded in nature and bring it forward with great skill and a reverential artistic eye, allowing the viewer to perceive the astounding splendor of our oasis in the middle of the city.

To see more of the photographers’ artwork, visit their websites at [www.jrcompton.com](http://www.jrcompton.com), [www.toddlandryphotography.com](http://www.toddlandryphotography.com), and [www.brianhiltz.com](http://www.brianhiltz.com).

Enrique Fernández Cervantes, Curator of Exhibitions for the City of Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs, curated this exhibition.

Please visit [www.bathhousecultural.com](http://www.bathhousecultural.com) for more information and to preview selected art pieces from the exhibition in the Photo Gallery.

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### **About the White Rock Lake Museum**

The Bath House Cultural Center is the home of the White Rock Lake Museum. The museum’s mission is to preserve and present the human and natural history of White Rock Lake Park and its surrounding environment. The White Rock Lake Museum was inaugurated in September of 2004. Please visit the museum's website at <http://www.whiterocklakemuseum.org>

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### **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.

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## **Location and Hours**

The White Rock Lake Museum is housed inside the Bath House Cultural Center, which 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 <http://www.bathhousecultural.com/>

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