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CULTURAL CENTER

The myth of the Lady of White Rock Lake comes alive in art exhibition

The White Rock Lake Museum presents

The Lady

October 15, 2011-January 28, 2012

Opening Reception with the Artists: Sunday, October 16, 2011 (5-7 PM)

Free and open to the public

DALLAS - The White Rock Lake Museum presents *The Lady*, a mixed media art exhibition inspired by the old myth of the Lady of White Rock Lake. The exhibition will run from October 15, 2011 to January 28, 2011. An opening reception with the artists will be held on Sunday, October 16, 2011 from 5 to 7 PM. The exhibition and reception are free and open to the public.

A legend that is well known by residents of Dallas—particularly those who live in the neighborhoods surrounding White Rock Lake—is the story of the Lady of the Lake. The story has elements of mystery, enchantment, and allure that would make it a perfect choice for artists of all types to capture its narrative in a variety of artistic forms. The seventeen local artists featured in this show found the story and its mystifying protagonist extremely appealing and created paintings, photographs, and mixed media small-scale works of art for display in this exhibition.

According to the story, the ghost of a young woman appears at night, dripping wet in eveningwear. A car that passes along a road near White Rock Lake stops when the mysterious young woman tells the driver that she had an accident and needs to get home. The driver takes the woman to the address given, and when they arrive, the girl has disappeared, leaving only a seat covered with water. Later, the driver learns, after

knocking on the door of the house, that the young woman drowned many years ago when she fell out of a boat on the lake at night.

Depending on whom you ask, some people will tell you that the story of the Lady of the Lake is based on true facts; others will say that the story is nothing but an urban legend conceived by the overactive imagination of an anonymous author. The artists in this exhibition, however, will simply tell you that the Lady of the Lake is truly a mesmerizing source of inspiration.

Participating Artists

Juan M. Aguirre, Rita Barnard, Ninotchka Beavers, Angie Bolling, Jan Byron, Cuyler Etheredge, Essie P. Graham, Barbara Lee, Laurie McClurg, Sharon Neel-Bagley, Melia Newman, Brenda Robson, Elisabeth Schlij, Brandi Solomon, Rhoda Sterling, Mitzi Watts, and Michele Wertz.

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

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

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>

Press Photographs

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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 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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