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Bath House
CULTURAL CENTER

Fifty-four local artists reimagine the Mexican Loteria Deck

The Bath House Cultural Center presents

¡Lotería, Lotería! (Tres) art exhibition

April 30-June 4, 2011

Opening Reception with the Artists: Saturday, April 30, 2011 (7-9 PM)

A Night of Loteria: Saturday, May 7, 2011 (7-8:30 PM)

Free and open to the public

DALLAS –The Bath House Cultural Center will present ¡Lotería, Lotería! (Tres), a mixed media exhibition inspired by La Lotería, a popular Mexican board game. The exhibition will run from April 30 to June 4, 2011.

An opening reception with the participating artists will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2011 from 7 to 9 PM. Additionally, the Bath House will host a *Night of Loteria* on Saturday, May 7, 2011. This special event will give the public a chance to meet some of the artists and play the game using game boards and cards that contain reproductions of the original artwork from the exhibition. The commemorative game sets will be for sale during the reception and throughout the duration of the show. The exhibition, opening reception, and Night of Loteria are free and open to the public.

¡Lotería, Lotería! (Tres) features fifty-four artists from the DFW area who created works of art based on the pictures and symbols from the Loteria game. Loteria is an old game of chance played throughout Mexico that resembles a form of bingo and uses pictures instead of numbers. The game is played in fairs and at home. Each player is given a card with 16 squares with pictures and beans or some other markers to mark the squares that have been called. The person who is selected to call or sing out the pictures has a deck of 54 cards with all the pictures in the game. The first person to get four pictures in a row, vertically, horizontally or diagonally, hollers out LOTERIA, letting everybody in the game know that he or she has won the game. Many overly enthusiastic

winners sometimes holler out the word loteria twice to make sure that their victory is clearly acknowledged.

La Lotería is produced by popular artists throughout Mexico. There are different versions of the game, all lovely variations of what remains, essentially, the same symbols. The images from the game depict common everyday objects, places and characters that are easily recognized and significant to the traditions and culture of Mexico. Some examples of Lotería images are: the mermaid, the watermelon, the flowerpot, the sun, the umbrella, the musician, the lady, and the heart.

The participating artists are: **Michelle Akers, Michael Benson, Rita Barnard, Kathy Boortz, Tomas Bustos, Gabrielle Castañeda Pruitt, J R Compton, Ray-Mel Cornelius, Misty Dean, Viola Delgado, Christa Diepenbrock, Carlos Donjuan, Emily Donjuan, Dan Dudley, Lori Dudley, Amalia Elmasri, Lilia Estrada, Jacque Forsher, Merry Fuhrer, Maria Teresa García Pedroche, Pastor García, Rebecca Guy, Genaro Hernández, Jacinta Hernández, Juan J. Hernández, Johanna Roffino-Hulsey, Alex Hulsey, Peta Jones, Jenny Keller, Darrell Madis, Freddie McCoo, Julia McLain, David Medina, Sandra A. Moreno, Roberto Munguia, Lupita Murillo-Tinnen, Mylan Nguyen, Andrew Ortiz, Anna Palmer, Cap Pannell, Chet Phillips, Brooke Opie Ragusa, Marty Ray, Richard Ray, Janet Reynolds, Linda Lucía Santana, Armando Sebastian, Linda D. Stokes, Jeanne Sturdevant, Chris Tinnen, Jose Vargas, Giovanni Valderas, Juan Valdez, Tom Walker, and Tim Wilson.**

Enrique Fernández Cervantes, Curator of Exhibitions for 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.

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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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