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For Dallas painter, White Rock Lake feels like a second home

The White Rock Lake Museum and the Bath House Cultural Center present

White Rock Lake: A Place Near Home **Oil paintings by Richard Ray**

October 17, 2009-February 6, 2010
(not on view during the Holidays)

Opening Reception with the Artist: Sunday, October 18, 2009 (5-7 PM)
Free and open to the public

DALLAS –The Bath House Cultural Center and the White Rock Lake Museum present *White Rock Lake: A Place Near Home*, an exhibition of paintings inspired by White Rock Lake and nature by Dallas artist, Richard Ray. The exhibition will be on display at the White Rock Lake Museum (housed inside the Bath House Cultural Center) October 17, 2009 to February 6, 2010.

An opening reception with the artist will be held on Sunday, October 18, 2009 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Both the exhibition and the reception are free and open to the public.

About the Exhibition:

Richard Ray has been creating art since an early age. He studied art at the Dallas Art Institute and El Centro College, and subsequently earned undergraduate and graduate art degrees at Dallas Baptist University and Texas Woman's University. In a long artistic career that spans decades, Richard has participated in numerous art exhibitions in venues that include the Farmers and Merchants Gallery, North Lake College, Art Annex, Dallas Baptist University, San Antonio Art Institute, and the Bath House Cultural Center, among many other sites. His vividly engaging paintings of scenes inspired by the lake have been admired by those who have seen his works in public and private collections, as well as by those who have had a chance to visit his studio in East Dallas during the annual White Rock Lake Artist Studio Tour. In addition to his individual projects, Richard has collaborated with his wife, artist and educator Marty Ray, in multiple projects that harmoniously incorporate his paintings and her ceramic pieces.

The White Rock Lake Museum is appropriately fitting for Richard's paintings. When asked to describe his personal connection with White Rock Lake, Richard states: "White Rock Lake feels like a second home anytime I am there. When it rains, when the sun sparkles across the waves, and when the red wings

play in the reeds in early evening. I never get tired of going there, and I'm lucky to live just minutes away. I always take memories back to my studio after a visit. With my paintings, I try to bring to life the light, color and life of the lake.”

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>.

Please visit www.bathhousecultural.com for more information. To preview selected art pieces from the exhibition, please visit the Bath House Cultural Center’s Photo Gallery at <http://www.dallasculture.org/bathHouseCultureCenter/photos.asp>.

Press Photographs:

To download print-resolution (300 dpi) JPEG press photographs of the exhibition, please visit the online press room at <http://www.dallaspublicart.info/bhccpress.cfm>

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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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