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Dallas artist portrays the essence of the vigorous spirit in new photography exhibition

The Bath House Cultural Center presents

THE ESSENCE OF ÉLAN

Artwork by Cordelia Bailey

August 6-27, 2016

Opening Reception: Saturday, August 6, 2016 (7-9 PM)

DALLAS - The Bath House Cultural Center presents *The Essence of Élan*, an exhibition featuring new photographic artwork by Dallas artist, **Cordelia Bailey**. An opening reception with the artist will be held on Saturday, August 6, 2016, from 7 to 9 PM. The reception will feature music by Dallas musician, Johnny Sequenzia. The exhibition, reception, and all other events related this program are free and open to the public.

When Dallas multifaceted artist, Cordelia Bailey, selected the photographs for her new exhibition at the Bath House Cultural Center, one of her main objectives was to display a collection of art that evoked a powerful sense of liveliness and energy. The title of the show, *The Essence of Élan*, reflects the artist's desire to depict art of effervescent nature. *Élan* is a word of French origin that means "to dart." An individual or thing infused with *élan* may be described as darting around with excitement, exceptional flair, and vigorous spirit. The pieces presented in the show certainly share the common element of vibrancy and jubilation. The artist's photographs of locations, objects, people, and nature depict movement, texture, intricacy, and brilliant color. With the recognition that

élan is a marvelous word that represents energy, flair, and gusto, the photographer shares art pieces with the viewers that beautifully illustrate the central theme of the show. It is the artist's hope that, in viewing her artwork, the public will be intrigued, that their eyes will linger, and that they will take with them a bit of the spirit of *élan* when they leave the gallery.

Cordelia Bailey is a native Dallasite who grew up in the Lakewood area. She attended the University of Illinois, where she earned a PhD. She held several positions in the private and public sector, but has always pursued art as a passion. When she retired from having to earn a living, she became a full-time artist. She initially focused on oil-on-canvas but, for the past 15 years, photography and digital art have been her primary media. She moved back to Dallas in 2012 and now lives in Uptown.

The artist's works have received numerous awards and have been exhibited in galleries in Dallas/Fort Worth, Minneapolis, Paducah, Portland, Seattle, Middleburg, and Lihue. My works are in a number of private collections. Her first art book has recently been published by Fresco Fine Art Books (2016) and is distributed by the University of New Mexico Press.

Please visit www.bathhousecultural.com for more information about the exhibition and the cultural center.

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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 <http://www.bathhousecultural.com/>

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