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Multi-sensory exhibition celebrates birds through the arts

The Bath House Cultural Center presents

Bird. Art: The Artist's Eye View of Birds

Curated by Leslie Davis

March 14-April 25, 2015

Opening Reception with the Artist: Saturday, March 14, 2015 (7-9 PM)

DALLAS - The Bath House Cultural Center presents *Bird. Art. The Artist's Eye View of Birds*, a mixed media art exhibition that celebrates the world of birds, March 14-April 25, 2015. An opening reception with the artists will take place on Saturday, March 14, from 7 to 9 PM. The exhibition and reception are free and open to the public.

Bird. Art: The Artist's Eye View of Birds is an art exhibition that is intended to enlighten visitors to birds and artists that are part of North Texas. Nature is a multi-sensory experience and so is this show. Regardless of the medium used, the artist reveals something about the subject matter we don't see for ourselves. This is especially true of things we take for granted or barely notice. The exhibition aspires to provide visitors different perspectives on something we see every day and celebrate the bird through artistic expression.

Throughout history, birds have inspired man's art. We find birds used as symbols of mythology and ritual performance as in Moche art from 1-800 A.D. in which raptor-like birds represented warriors and sacrificers, while owls sometimes personified shamans. They even used hummingbirds to symbolize flying spears. Birds are also depicted more

realistically in their natural forms and environments on tapestries, clay pottery and walls. Ancient Egyptians represented gods with birds such as the falcon and the ibis, both considered sacred and appearing on everything from ceilings to containers. Even before recorded history, Stone Age artists painted birds and human figures with bird heads on cave walls.

In *Bird. Art: The Artist's Eye View of Birds*, artists follow in the path of their ancestors exploring the many ways birds inspire them and capturing that inspiration in wood, clay, metal, paint, pixels and more. More than 250 species of birds have been recorded in the White Rock Lake area and more than 600 species in Texas. In planning this show, the intent of the Curator, Leslie Davis, is to inspire attendees to notice and appreciate birds and connect with their natural surroundings regardless of where they are. Birds are so common and yet so complicated. Art is often the same way. These artists have meticulously crafted original expressions and impressions of birds that the Curator hopes will give flight to your own imagination and curiosity.

The artists participating in this exhibition are: **Joel Armstrong, Ezekiel Bierschank, Kathy Boortz, George Boyd, Glo Coalson, Leslie Davis, Stephen Duke, Sandra Freeman, Danny Kamerath, Kyle Kondas, Shawn Mayer, and Cap Pannell.**

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

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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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