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Women photographers document their experiences with motherhood in new show at the Bath House Cultural Center

The Bath House Cultural Center presents

## In This Day and Age

**Curated by Cynthia M. Miller** 

March 11-April 22, 2017

**Reception:** Saturday, March 11, 2017 (7-9 PM)

Part of ART214, a Citywide celebration of visual art in our neighborhood Cultural Centers during Dallas Arts Month.

DALLAS - The Bath House Cultural Center presents *In This Day and Age*, a photography exhibition curated by Cynthia M. Miller featuring artists who document their experiences with motherhood, from March 11 to April 22, 2017. A reception with the artists will be held on Saturday, March 11, 2017, from 7 to 9 PM, featuring live music by Johnny Sequenzia. The exhibition, reception, and all other events related this program are free and open to the public.

The women photographers participating in the exhibition *In This Day and Age*, document their experiences with motherhood. The exhibition Curator and participating artist, Cynthia M. Miller, believes that we are constantly bombarded with images of what the media say are "good" and "bad" mothers. Those depictions, in her opinion, often

leave out the voices of the mothers themselves. She expresses that the objectification of both the idealized and reviled mother takes away a real woman's agency in creating her own identity. She adds that mothers who do not fit the media's picture of what a mother should look like are often excluded completely.

Miller states that: "Rather than allowing other people to dictate to us what motherhood should look like, we choose to be active participants in creating our own identities as mothers. We perform these identities through our photography and, in performing them, create realities specific to our experiences of motherhood. The experiences of each individual mother give insight into what maternal identity is in this day and age."

How often does a mother find her own identity as a person? How do we created images and texts of and about motherhood and parenting that are honest and inclusive? This exhibition is an attempt to partially answer these questions through photographs exploring contemporary motherhood.

The artists featured in the In this Day and Age exhibition are Linda Brooks, Anna Fritzel, H. Jennings Sheffield, Danielle René Khoury, Cynthia M. Miller Lupita Murillo-Tinnen, and Eti Wade.

**Press Photographs:** To download print-resolution (300 dpi) JPEG press photographs of this exhibition, please visit the online Press Room at <a href="http://www.bathhousemedia.com">http://www.bathhousemedia.com</a>.

Photographs may only be used for promotional, educational, or non-commercial purposes.

**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/

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.

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