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East Dallas husband and wife artists share a journey of art and discovery in new exhibition

The Bath House Cultural Center presents

**INNERSCAPES:
Where Dreams Meet Reality**

Paintings and Sculpture by Jeff Hukill and Sigrun Hukill

August 6-27, 2016

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

DALLAS - The Bath House Cultural Center presents *Innerscapes: Where Dreams Meet Reality*, an exhibition featuring paintings by **Jeff Hukill** and ceramic artwork by **Sigrun Hukill**. An opening reception 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 to the *Innerscapes* exhibition are free and open to the public.

Jeff Hukill and Sigrun Hukill are husband and wife artists living in East Dallas, not far from White Rock Lake. Both artists have been actively involved in the arts for decades. Although the artists have certainly achieved a high level of prominence and recognition in their respective fields, it is unquestionable that the immersion of these two artists into the world of the arts is perhaps motivated more deeply by their aspiration to focus on their spiritual journeys than by any desire to attain the levels of commercial success that many visual artists wish to achieve.

Jeff Hukill's awe-inspiring paintings, in his own words, are "visual journeys of sorts from snippets of spiritual principles and ideas, thoughts and insights, contemplations of universal spiritual concepts and virtues, dreams, impressions and imaginings, whether sleeping or with eyes wide open in clear daylight." The artist often captures a moment in a person's life, or an event happening in nature, that depict a wonderful sudden insight of something great unfolding before our eyes, an instant of self-discovery, or a unification of the physical and the spiritual. The painter's beautifully rendered works of imagined or recalled narratives are the result of the artist's conviction that there is a fine transparent veil that separates the outer physical world from the inner spiritual awakenings of the human spirit. He hopes that his paintings will make that veil apparent to the viewers as they contemplate the visions set forth in the artwork on display.

Born into a family of artists and growing up in postwar Munich, Germany, Sigrun Hukill's life was surrounded by art from the start. Despite her artistic upbringing, filled with visits to museums and encouragement from her artist parents, Sigrun learned to realize that not even her many travels—either to Europe's vibrant cities, or across the Atlantic to the American continent, or to the hidden islands of the Pacific—could help her find the slumbering artist within. The sculptor credits her husband, Jeff Hukill, as the person who finally gave her steady encouragement and inspiration to pursue her career as an artist. Clay art became Sigrun's medium of choice. Reconnecting with her artistic side was, according to the artist, as if "a divine hand had struck a match and ignited the flame," and she joyfully states that, today, the fire of being an artist still burns brightly in her heart.

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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>.