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**Bath House**  
CULTURAL CENTER



**Office of Cultural Affairs**  
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*Exhibition provides viewers with insight into the female experience of time, as it relates to relationships, cultural beauty and aging*

The Bath House Cultural Center presents

## Perform La Femme

**Photographs by Angilee Wilkerson and Jana C. Perez**

**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 *Perform La Femme*, a photography exhibition by Angilee Wilkerson and Jana C. Perez, 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.

Perform La Femme is a series of performative self-portraits, often sardonic and curious, that considers the complexities of female identity. This series is collaboration between two artists who enact roles; performing in partnership and using their own bodies to emphasize the dualities and entanglements in their lives.

Lush and recurring color palettes that include reds, blues, and yellows act as visual metaphor for emotional and physical states of being— sacrifice, Eros, apprehension, and more. Each photographic tableau offers a range of environments and lighting, depicting narratives that are simultaneously ambiguous and descriptive. Scenes range from a brightly-lit kitchen to dark coral cliffs swarming with insects to an open field of hay bales at dusk. Objects within each scene serve as symbols, and personalities emerge as the photographers take on the enigmatical characters of worker/scientist, sleeping maiden, bouffant-wearing hostess and more.

The artists came to be collaborators in the series Perform La Femme while on holiday in Florida. They soon realized the value of the rare opportunity to focus exclusively on a creative endeavor without the responsibilities of family or their "real world" jobs as professional educators and commercial artists. In discussing their experiences as "forty-somethings," they discovered a conversation about relationships, aging and beauty that they feel is largely silent, and one that they are compelled to give life to in a visual way.

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

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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/>

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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