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Photographic images are a visual diary for local artist in new exhibition

The Bath House Cultural Center presents

Contemplation

Photographs by Gabrielle Castañeda Pruitt

May 6-June 3, 2017

Reception: Saturday, May 6, 2017 (7-9 PM)

DALLAS - The Bath House Cultural Center presents *Contemplation*, a photography exhibition by **Gabrielle Castañeda Pruitt**, from May 6 to June 3, 2017. A reception with the artist will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2017, from 7 to 9 PM, featuring live music by Mack Price. The exhibition, reception, and all other events related this program are free and open to the public.

Fine art photographer, Gabrielle Castañeda Pruitt, states that the images included in her new exhibition, *Contemplation*, allow the viewer to take a look inside her visual journal. The artist believes that all the photographs that are featured in the show, and her work in general, give her an invaluable opportunity to record and put feelings and colors to fine art paper.

Gabrielle's predilection for looking at the world around her with a keen and curious eye has led her to discover aspects of her surroundings, through careful

observation, that continuously reveal everyday beauty, soulfulness, and visual significance. The artist explains that she immerses herself visually and mentally in the natural world to gain inspiration for her artwork. She declares: “As I go through my day, I often see objects that make me stop and question what has caught my eye: a shape, a color, a texture. I become electrified with that first encounter. According to what chord it has touched within me, this exchange becomes the springboard for crafting an image.” She concludes by comparing the process of creating her photographs with the process of writing a song in light and shadow.

Gabrielle was born in Caracas, Venezuela, and was raised in rural Oklahoma. The artist has lived in north Texas for many years. She has an impressive record of exhibiting, jurying, and curating art shows. The photographer has displayed her work in several art venues, including the Bath House Cultural Center, the Latino Cultural Center of Dallas, the Black Box Gallery in Colorado, A Smith Gallery in Johnson City, Texas, and LuminArte Gallery. She studied photography and art at Collin College in Plano where she received the instruction of esteemed artists June VanCleeef, Chris Regas and Byrd Williams III. The work of the photographer is found in multiple public and private collections. She is a former owner of 14th Street Gallery, where she collaborated with many local and regional artists. The artist currently works from her private studio in Plano, Texas.

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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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