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Artist imagines landscapes from other worlds in new exhibition

The White Rock Lake Museum and the Bath House Cultural Center present

Post

Recent Artwork by Shawn Saumell

October 10, 2015-January 30, 2016

DALLAS - The White Rock Lake Museum, located inside the Bath House Cultural Center, presents *Post*, an art exhibition of photographic prints and mixed media by Shawn Saumell, October 10, 2015 to January 30, 2016. The exhibition is free and open to the public.

Shawn Saumell is a visual artist born in New York who currently lives and works in Dallas. When the artist was first asked to develop a new exhibition, he considered the mission of the White Rock Lake Museum of bringing the preservation of the environment to the forefront of public discussion. The artist's new show, *Post*, is an important project that echoes some of the ideas and concepts of ecological conservation that are regularly presented in the museum.

Post features a series of prints mounted on aluminum panels that depict colorful, yet desolated and otherworldly desertscapes. Within some of the artist's imagined environments, he includes abandoned metal buildings and other structures that might represent societies or cultures perhaps long-gone. These landscapes could symbolize Earth or other planets whose civilizations may have made similar self-destructive choices to their environment. The title of the exhibition refers to the co-relation of Mr. Saumell's invented spaces with views and thoughts about post-war, post-natural disaster, post-

nuclear winter, post-apocalyptic world, post-Earth civilization, and other similar concepts.

Shawn Saumell received an MFA from Lesley University College of Arts and Design (formerly known as the Art Institute of Boston at Lesley University), a BFA from Texas Woman's University (magna cum laude), and an AA from Collin College (cum laude). Mr. Saumell has exhibited his artwork in galleries and art venues in New York, Texas, Vermont, Massachusetts, New Mexico, Colorado, and many other places. The work by this artist has been collected by a number of individuals and organizations, including the Boston Public Library, Boston, MA; The State of New Mexico, NM; the Limner Gallery, Hudson, NY; Shah Alam Gallery, Malaysia; Center for Fine Art Photography, Fort Collins, CO; and the Mulafoco Museum, Uruguay.

More information about the artist can be found at www.shawnsaumell.com.

Please visit www.bathhousecultural.com for more information about this exhibition.

About the White Rock Lake Museum

The Bath House Cultural Center is the home of the White Rock Lake Museum. The museum's mission is to preserve and present the human and natural history of White Rock Lake Park and its surrounding environment. The White Rock Lake Museum was inaugurated in September of 2004.

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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.

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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