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Artist's Love of Nature is Reflected on her Paintings

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

**NATURAL IMPRESSIONS: Recent Artwork by
Cecilia Thurman**

May 7-October 1, 2016

Receptions with the artist: Saturday, May 7, July 2 and September 3, 2016 (7-9 PM)

DALLAS - The White Rock Lake Museum, located inside the Bath House Cultural Center, presents *Natural Impressions*, an art exhibition featuring recent paintings by Dallas artist, Cecilia Thurman. The exhibition runs from May 7 to October 1, 2016. Receptions with the artist are scheduled for Saturday, May 7, July 2, and September 3, 2016, from 7 to 9 PM. The exhibition and receptions are free and open to the public.

SUMMER CLOSING: Due to the annual Youth Summer Camp, the Bath House Cultural Center will be closed to the public and, consequently, the Natural Impressions exhibition will not be on view from June 5-27.

Cecilia Thurman is a painter and a printmaker who lives in Dallas, near White Rock Lake. The acrylic on paper paintings featured in the Natural Impressions exhibition are the artist's most recent body of work. The new series refers to Ms. Thurman's tremendous and abiding love of nature, which is unquestionably a constant theme that can be seen in many of her prints and paintings. The goal of the imagery, according to the

artist, is to evoke the feeling of elements found in nature, and to express the poetry and mystery of the land that we all share.

Ms. Thurman is interested in investigating the ways in which humans interact with their natural surroundings. She declares that she creates her artwork in an attempt to explore the relationship between man and his environment. Nature is obviously a constant source of inspiration for her work. Through the use of abstractions based on nature and imagery describing man's interaction with the landscape, she hopes to express her excitement and discovery to the viewer and evoke an emotional response. The artist uses landscape primarily because the energy, shape and colors found in nature best allow her to describe her thoughts and to explore the essence of line, shape, and texture inherent in her subjects.

Cecilia Thurman received her MFA degree from Texas Women's University in Denton, Texas, and her BFA degree in visual Arts from the University of Texas at Dallas (Cum Laude) in Richardson, Texas. Ms. Thurman's studies have also included graduate level work in Aesthetic Studies at the University of Texas at Dallas and Printmaking at the University of Dallas in Irving, Texas. She has exhibited in numerous solo and group exhibitions in the Dallas/Fort Worth area, as well as group shows, competitions, and invitational shows throughout the United States, and in Guatemala, Japan, Mexico, Denmark, and France.

The artist's work can be found in several corporate collections, including Ernst & Young, Lucent Technologies, Northern Telecom, Inc, Merrill Lynch Corporation, Kaiser Permanente, Mitsui Corporation, Mary Kay Corporation and American Airlines.

Visit Cecilia Thurman's website at www.ceciliathurman.blogspot.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.

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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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