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CULTURAL CENTER

*Photographer's Camera Captures the Beauty and Mystery of White Rock Lake*

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

**Silent Witness: Photographs by Kathleen Wilke**

February 6-April 30, 2016

**Reception with the artist:** Saturday, February 6 and Saturday, March 12, 2016 (7-9 PM)

DALLAS - The White Rock Lake Museum, located inside the Bath House Cultural Center, presents *Silent Witness*, an art exhibition featuring photographic artwork by Dallas artist, Kathleen Wilke. The exhibition runs from February 6 to April 30, 2016. A reception with the artist will be held on Saturday, February 6 and Saturday, March 12, 2016, from 7 to 9 PM. The exhibition and receptions are free and open to the public.

*Silent Witness* is a recent exhibition of art by Dallas photographer, **Kathleen Wilke**. The series, presented at the White Rock Lake Museum, features a collection of photographs that highlight the beauty, mystery, and allure of the lake.

Kathleen, an award-winning artist, has been celebrated for her underwater portraits, which have received enthusiastic praise for their ability to conjure up a graceful and spellbinding surrealistic world that the artist manages to create every time she sets out to capture the beauty and personality of her subjects. Despite the popularity of her portraits, Kathleen decided to put her underwater photography gear aside momentarily in order to focus her attention completely on producing this museum series, which was designed to document various aspects of life at or near White Rock Lake.

The way the photographer approaches and treats her submerged subjects seems to translate perfectly well into the photographic work that she creates when she works outside of the water. Like her underwater work, her landscapes, images of nature, and other depictions of the lake also evoke, just as strongly, a dreamlike atmosphere where all of the elements of her compositions appear to be imbued by an ever-present luminosity. Some of the images presented in this show are printed directly on wood surfaces, yielding complex painterly colors and natural textures that heighten the environmental theme of the exhibition.

One suspects that Kathleen's form of communication with her underwater models is primarily non-verbal during their photographic sessions. She still manages to get her vision and ideas across to her subjects in a wonderful wordless interaction that can be perceived in her final prints. With her images above the water, Kathleen is also a silent witness that connects deeply with her subjects and surroundings and produces, in the process, images that are not easily forgotten.

Kathleen Wilke was born in Youngstown Ohio, and raised in Cincinnati. She attended both the Art Academy of Cincinnati, and the Art Institute of Boston, where she studied photography and illustration. Ms. Wilke began her photography career in portraiture, which later evolved into fine art, landscapes, and underwater photography.

Please visit [www.bathhousecultural.com](http://www.bathhousecultural.com) for more information about this exhibition.

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### **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.

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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/>

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