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TEXAS BIENNIAL VENUES, OPENING EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

AUSTIN, DALLAS, HOUSTON, SAN ANTONIO!

Austin, Texas – March 31, 2011 As previously announced, the 2011 edition of the Texas Biennial is taking place in partnership with non-profit arts organizations in three cities: Austin, Houston and San Antonio. Now the Biennial is excited to announce the addition of three new exhibition venues in Austin. These venues represent an unusual range of alternative spaces including unoccupied commercial offices in the heart of downtown Austin at 816 Congress, a vacant house in residential East Austin, and the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport. The Texas Biennial website, www.texasbiennial.org, will also host an artwork.

All Texas Biennial venue locations and hours are listed below, along with the names of the artists whose work will be presented at each venue.

The Texas Biennial is also pleased to announce its schedule of opening events, celebrations and special performances in Austin, Dallas, Houston and San Antonio.

All exhibitions and events are free and open to the public, except as noted.

Opening Events in Austin, April 15-16, 2011

Friday, April 15

Individual Austin venues host openings and special artist performances, with a suggested itinerary moving from downtown to East Austin.

5-8pm Downtown

816 Congress
816 Congress Avenue

Women & Their Work
1710 Lavaca Street

The Visual Arts Center (VAC), Department of Art and Art History at the University of Texas at Austin
23rd Street and Trinity Street

7-10pm East Austin

1319 Rosewood Avenue
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7pm performance by Ryder Jon Piotrs Nomadic Gallery

8pm performance by TX★11 artist Brad Tucker

@ Trailer Space, across the street at 1401 Rosewood Avenue

Big Medium
5305 Bolm Road, #12

Pump Project Art Complex
702 Shady Lane
9pm performance by Ryder Jon Piotrs Nomadic Gallery

Saturday, April 16

2-4:30pm

Like a Whole Other Country? The State of Contemporary Art in Texas

A public panel at Blanton Museum of Art co-presented by the Texas Biennial, Blanton and Art Lies. Panelists include artist Margarita Cabrera; Curator of Contemporary Art and Special Projects at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Alison de Lima Greene; artist Trenton Doyle Hancock; contemporary art critic for the *Los Angeles Times*, David Pagel; 2011 Texas Biennial Curator, Virginia Rutledge; and Effie Marie Cain Regents Chair in Art History at UT Austin, Richard Shiff.

5-8pm

Mexico Abre la Boca -- special installation by artist Margarita Cabrera, in the parking lot on the southeast corner of 7th Street and Congress Avenue

5-10pm

Special Video Screening: 2011 Texas Biennial at TX★11 participating organization Arthouse at the Jones Center

7-10pm

Celebrate! Party at Arthouse at the Jones Center in honor of all Biennial artists, venues and participating organizations statewide! (*ticketed admission -- details at www.texasbiennial.eventbrite.com*)

8pm Performance by TX★11 artist Dion Laurent

The Community Room at **Austin Museum of Art**, downtown at 823 Congress Avenue, will serve as Texas Biennial information headquarters throughout the opening weekend. View a slide show of participating organizations, and pick up venue maps.

OPENING EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS -- DALLAS, HOUSTON, SAN ANTONIO

Thursday, March 31

6-8pm

Texas Biennial Opening Reception: TX★11 artist Tom Orr
Blue Star Contemporary Art Center
116 Blue Star, **San Antonio**
www.bluestarart.org

Saturday, April 9

5-9pm

CentralTrak Celebrates the Texas Biennial!
CentralTrak, The University of Texas at Dallas Artists Residency
800 Exposition Ave, **Dallas**
www.utdallas.edu/centraltrak

Saturday, April 30

7-9:30pm

Texas Biennial Opening Reception
BOX 13 ArtSpace
6700 Harrisburg Boulevard, **Houston**
www.box13artspace.com

Thursday, May 5

6-8pm

Texas Biennial Opening Reception: TX★11 artist Jade Walker
Blue Star Contemporary Art Center
116 Blue Star, **San Antonio**
www.bluestarart.org

SPECIAL PERFORMANCES IN AUSTIN

Saturday, April 2

4-6 pm

Performance by TX★11 artist Abby Ronaldez: *Future Perfect: A Complete Action Before Something in the Future, An Ongoing Performance*
8403 Staunton Drive, Austin (this public performance takes place in a house)

Saturday, April 9

5-9pm

Performance by TX★11 artist TJ Hunt: *The True Artist Carries the Weight of the World*
1319 Rosewood Avenue
1319 Rosewood Avenue

ALL TEXAS BIENNIAL VENUE LOCATIONS AND HOURS and ARTISTS EXHIBITED

Internet

www.texasbiennial.org Launching April 9! **Exhibiting TX★11 artist:** H. David Waddell

Austin

816 CONGRESS is an office building located just south of the Texas State Capitol at Congress Avenue and 9th Street. Rising 20 stories above one of the most dynamic central business districts in the nation, 816 Congress is within walking distance of a multitude of popular destination amenities including upscale dining establishments, world-class historic and four-star hotels, museums, art galleries, theatres, and the lively Sixth Street, Warehouse, and Second Street entertainment districts. **Exhibiting TX★11 artists:** Matthew Bourbon, Shannon Cannings, Bernardo Cantu, Kristen Cochran, Catherine Colangelo, Clarke Curtis, Cassandra Emswiler, Michael Anthony Garcia, Anthony Garza, Lori Giesler, Rigoberto A. Gonzales, Nathan Green, Nicholas Hay, Katy Horan, Kathryn Kelley, Tom Orr, Jessica Mallios, Richard Martinez, Marcelyn McNeil, Brandon Miller, Rahul Mitra, Kia Niell, Ricardo Paniagua, Jason Reed, Sam Sanford, Shane Tolbert, Brad Tucker

816 Congress Avenue, 5th and 14th Floors
Hours: Wednesday - Saturday 12-5pm
April 9 - May 14
www.816congress.info

1319 ROSEWOOD AVENUE is a vacant house in the heart of central East Austin, a diverse and growing community. **Exhibiting TX★11 artists:** Joshua Bienko, TJ Hunt, Dion Laurent, Abby Ronalds

1319 Rosewood Avenue
Hours: Wednesday - Saturday 12-5pm
April 9 - May 14

AUSTIN-BERGSTROM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT is the gateway to the city of Austin and Central Texas. The Barbara Jordan Terminal is programmed year-round with a variety of displays and exhibitions celebrating the region's heritage and creativity. The Biennial exhibition will be located in an area accessible to the general public. **Exhibiting TX★11 artist:** Brent Ozaeta

3600 Presidential Boulevard
Hours: daily 4am until final flight of the day
April 9 - May 14
www.abia.org

BIG MEDIUM is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to supporting visual arts and artists in Texas by offering affordable studio spaces, operating a gallery and organizing programs such as the annual East Austin Studio Tour and the Texas Biennial. **Exhibiting TX★11 artists:** Hillerbrand+Magsamen, Brent Ozaeta, Carin Rodenborn

5305 Bolm Road #12
Hours: Wednesday - Saturday 12-5pm
April 9 - May 14
www.bigmedium.org

PUMP PROJECT ART COMPLEX is a non-profit 501(c)(3) East Austin visual art organization whose mission is to enrich and reinforce Austin's creative community through working studios, programming and exhibition facilities for emerging and established artists. **Exhibiting TX★11 artists:** Esteban Delgado, Gabriel Dawe

702 Shady Lane
Hours: Wednesday - Saturday 12-5pm
April 9 - May 14
www.pumpproject.org

THE VISUAL ARTS CENTER (VAC) in the Department of Art and Art History at the University of Texas at Austin draws students, faculty, guest artists and creative voices from around the world to the university's dynamic arts community, and serves as a hub for artistic expression, education, and innovation. **Exhibiting TX★11 artist:** Hana Hillerova

The University of Texas at Austin Art Building, 23rd Street and Trinity Street
Hours: Tuesday - Thursday from 10am-7pm, Friday & Saturday from 11am-5pm
April 9 - May 14
www.utexas.edu/finearts/vac

WOMEN & THEIR WORK is a non-profit 501(c)(3) that serves as a catalyst for new ideas in contemporary art by creating opportunities for artists and audiences to experience contemporary art through ambitious exhibitions, commissions of new work, performances, and education programs that inform audiences of all ages. **Exhibiting TX★11 artists:** Susi Brister, Elizabeth Chiles, Jonathan Faber, Anthony Sonnenberg, Barry Stone, Cathie Tyler

1710 Lavaca Street
Hours: Monday - Friday, 10am-6pm, Saturday, 12am-5pm
April 9 - May 14
www.womenandtheirwork.org

Houston

BOX 13 ARTSPACE is an artist-run non-profit 501(c)(3) innovative environment for the creation and advancement of experimental contemporary art in Houston. **Exhibiting TX★11 artists:** Cassandra Emswiler, Laurie Frick, Timothy Harding, Olivia Moore, Brad Tucker

6700 Harrisburg Boulevard, Houston
Hours: Saturday 1-5pm or by appointment
April 9 - May 21
www.box13artspace.com

San Antonio

BLUE STAR CONTEMPORARY ART CENTER is the first and longest-running venue for contemporary art in San Antonio, a non-profit 501(c)(3) that now in its twenty-fifth year enables over 300,000 visitors each year to experience contemporary art through exhibitions, the MOSAIC after-school education program, and community events. **Exhibiting TX★11 artists:** Tom Orr, Jade Walker

116 Blue Star, San Antonio
Hours: Tuesdays - Saturdays 12-6pm & Thursdays 12pm-8pm
March 31 - May 14
www.bluestarart.org

The statewide Biennial calendar is available at www.texasbiennial.org/2011_calendar.html. Please visit Glasstire.com for details on programming by participating organizations!

About the Texas Biennial: The Texas Biennial is an independent survey of contemporary Texas art. This fourth edition of the Biennial will include recent art works in a range of media, created by 49 artists selected from a pool of applicants living and working throughout the state. The 2011 Biennial Curator is New York-based art historian Virginia Rutledge. The exhibition will take place at multiple venues in Austin including 816 Congress, 1319 Rosewood Avenue, Austin-Bergstrom International Airport, Big Medium, Pump Project Art Complex, Women & Their Work, and The Visual Arts Center at the University of Texas at Austin; in Houston at BOX 13 ArtSpace, and in San Antonio at Blue Star Contemporary Art Center. In addition, more than 60 arts organizations across the state have joined to support the Biennial project with their own independently curated programming. This expansion is a celebration not only of Texas artists, but of the creativity and dedication of Texas arts organizations. The Texas Biennial is a program of Big Medium, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization headquartered in Austin that is dedicated to promoting the visual arts throughout Texas. www.texasbiennial.org



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