



An independent survey of contemporary art in Texas

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TEXAS BIENNIAL ANNOUNCES 2013 DATES AND VENUES

Austin, Texas – October 19, 2012 The Texas Biennial is pleased to announce that the 5th edition of the exhibition will take place in the fall of 2013, at venues in Austin, Dallas, Houston, Marfa and San Antonio.

Aiming to highlight the quality and diversity of contemporary visual art produced in Texas, the Texas Biennial was founded to provide an exhibition opportunity open to all artists living and working in the state. Biennial artists for 2013 will be individually chosen by a group of 13 curators making their selections from an open call scheduled to begin **January 1, 2013**. (Details will be announced in December.)

Since the inaugural show in Austin in 2005, the Texas Biennial has explored a variety of exhibition formats and curatorial models. Past exhibitions have included partnerships to create public art, a special tribute to the late Kelly Fearing (1918-2011), and invited artists working with notions of site-specificity around the state. Building on its collaborative origins, in 2011 the project expanded to include over 60 Texas arts organizations participating with their own independent programming. In recognition of their vital role in the arts ecosystem, nonprofit arts organizations statewide will again be invited to participate in 2013.

For the first time in the project's history, in 2013 the curated group survey that is the central feature of the Biennial will be installed in a single venue and will represent all artists selected from the open call. This exhibition will take place **September 5 – November 9, 2013** at **Blue Star Contemporary Art Center** in San Antonio. During the run of the exhibition, selected performance works will also be presented at **CentralTrak–The Artist Residency of the University of Texas at Dallas**. Another first in the Biennial's history will be the inclusion of a commissioned artist project presented by **Ballroom Marfa**.

In celebration of the 5th anniversary of the project, the Texas Biennial is also pleased to announce a special exhibition of current work by selected past Biennial artists. This exhibition will be presented simultaneously at **Lawndale Art Center** in Houston and **Big Medium** in Austin, **August 23 – September 28, 2013**.

Information on the Texas Biennial project is available at www.texasbiennial.org. Further details on plans for 2013 will be posted soon.

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