

The Texas Biennial 2024: *The Last Sky*
Celebrating Resilience, Community, and Artistic Expression

Big Medium and the Texas Biennial are proud to invite you to experience the dynamic exhibitions currently on view and soon to open in Houston. The entirety of the 2024 Texas Biennial encompasses multiple Exhibition and Programming Partners across the Gulf Coast: Blaffer Art Museum, DiverseWorks, Anderson Center for the Arts, Aurora Picture Show, Galveston Arts Center, Galveston Artist Residency, Houston Museum of African American Culture, K Space Contemporary, Lanecia Rouse Tinsley Gallery, Lawndale Art Center, Sawyer Yards, and Throughline. Through these partnerships, this edition of the Biennial showcases a compelling snapshot of 86 contemporary art voices, hundreds of artworks, and public programs.

At the center of this Biennial stands a commitment to community, collaboration, and the transformative power of art. This edition unfolded against a backdrop of challenges, which tested our resilience and deepened our resolve. From navigating weather disruptions to confronting threats to artistic expression and organization leadership changes. These moments have only reinforced our belief in art as a cornerstone of connection and dialogue, one that needs to be protected and cherished as much as its creators.

Amid these trials, joy has also prevailed through the creation of new works and life, the renewal of institutional commitments, and the blossoming of conversations that could shape the future of art in our communities. These experiences have taught us to pause, reflect, and trust in the enduring purpose of convening—to build bridges, foster respect, and celebrate creativity.

This Biennial looks to the insight of our artists, elders, and cultural stewards. It is an open invitation to imagine, create, and ask the urgent questions of our time: How do we nurture each other? How can we stand in solidarity with one another? How can indigenous wisdom be sustained if everything around us continues to foster intolerance?

We invite you to join us and experience the exhibitions, engage with the artists, and share in the profound stories that have shaped this Biennial and current artmaking across Texas and beyond. Together, we can celebrate the boundless expansive possibilities of art and community.

Visit now and be part of the conversation.

Upcoming Exhibitions:

Galveston Arts Center

Radical Synergy

TX24 Artist: Michael Anthony García

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Opening Date: Saturday, March 8, 2025

Opening Reception: Saturday, March 8, 6-9 pm. Artist talk at 6:30 pm

Closing Date: Saturday, June 8, 2025

Address: 2127 Strand, Galveston, TX

Currently on View:

Blaffer Art Museum at the University of Houston

The Last Sky

TX24 Artists: Olaniyi Akindiya, Stacey Allen, Mashal Awais, Anahita Bradberry, Essentials Creative, Farima Fooladi, Ian Gerson, Jessica Carolina González, Guadalupe Hernandez, Antonio Lechuga Jr., Gabriel Martinez, R Eric McMaster, Open MFA, Gilberto Rocha, S Rodriguez, Lisa Saldivar, Bella Varela, and Isabella Mireles Vik

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Opening Date: Friday, September 27, 2024

Closing Date: Sunday, March 9, 2025

Address: 4173 Elgin Street, Houston, TX

Lanecia Rouse Tinsley Gallery at Holy Family HTX

The Last Sky: Specular Waters

TX24 Artists: Alejandra Regalado and Jamie Robertson

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Opening Date: Wednesday, November 15, 2024

Closing Date: Sunday, January 19, 2025

Address: 3719 Navigation Boulevard, Houston, TX

Sawyer Yards: Sabine Street Studios North Gallery

The Last Sky: Memory Drift II

TX24 Artists: Jonathan Jackson, Tsz Kam, Ruhee Maknojia, Francisco Moreno Taboada, MythoFutuRiddim (Corey Sherrard Jr., Debora Evans, A.C. Evans), Manik Raj Nakra, and Chayse Sampy

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Opening Date: Thursday, November 14, 2024

Closing Date: Saturday, January 11, 2025

Address: 1907 Sabine St, Houston, TX

Sawyer Yards: Winter Street Gallery

The Last Sky: Memory Drift I

TX24 Artists: Beatriz Bellorín, Carlos Carrillo and Yevgenia Davidoff, Misty Gamble, MythoFutuRiddim (Bree Person), Alyssa Taylor Wendt, and Adelaide Theriault

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Opening Date: Friday, November 15, 2024

Closing Date: Saturday, January 11, 2025

Address: 2101 Winter Street, Houston, TX

Sawyer Yards: TANK Space

The Gorgeous Flowers Have a Smell

TX24 Artist: Paloma Mayorga

Opening Date: Saturday, December 14, 2024

Opening Reception: Saturday, December 14, 6-8 pm

Closing Date: Saturday, February 22, 2025

Address: 1824 Spring Street, Houston, TX

Sawyer Yards: Silos

The Last Sky: Thermals and Thresholds

TX24 Artists: Leticia R. Bajuyo, Emilio Carrera Quiroga, Roslyn Dupré, Veronica Ibargüengoitia, Alie Jackson, Alejandro Macias, Immanuel Oni, Jerónimo Reyes-Retana, Colleen Maynard & Mark Chen, Tere García, Mateo Gutierrez, Ryan Montgomery, Patrick Renner, Carlos Rosales-Silva, and Dimitri Staszewski.

BIOLUMINAIRE: A Contemplative Bioluminescent Sculpture Garden

TX24 Artists: Input/Output

Opening Date: Saturday, December 14, 2024

Opening Reception: Saturday, December 14, 6-8 pm

Closing Date: Saturday, January 25, 2025

Address: 1502 Sawyer Street, Houston, TX

Previously on View:

DiverseWorks

River on Fire

TX24 Artists: Brandon Ballengée, Heather L. Johnson, Ayanna Jolivet Mccloud, Laura Napier, and Zuyva Sevilla

Opening Date: Friday, September 27, 2024

Closing Date: Sunday, November 16, 2024

Address: 3400 Main Street, Houston, TX

Anderson Center for the Arts

From Federal to Hopetown

TX24 Artist: Kaima Marie Akarue

Opening Date: Thursday, September 26, 2024

Closing Date: Saturday, December 13, 2024

Address: 13334 Wallisville Road, Houston, TX

Lawndale Art Center

New Suns

TX24 Artists: Ayanna Jolivet Mccloud

Opening Date: Thursday, September 26, 2024

Closing Date: Saturday, November 2, 2024

Address: 4912 Main Street, Houston, TX

K Space Contemporary

Seeding Soil

TX24 Artists: Angela Chen, Preston Gaines, Hollis Hammonds, Alexis Pye, Alexandra Robinson, Jean Shon, Sindhu Thirumalaisamy, and Adelaide Theriault

Opening Date: Friday, September 6, 2024

Closing Date: Friday, October 4, 2024

Address: 623 N Chaparral Street, Corpus Christi, TX

Galveston Artist Residency

It Is A Good Project And Should Be Built

TX24 Artist: Fred Schmidt-Arenales

The Last Sky: Looking For Ghosts

TX24 Artist: Juan Juarez

Opening Date: August 24

Closing Date: November 2, 2024

Address: 2521 Ships Mechanic Row, Galveston, TX

Previous Programs:

Brays Bayou

Foraging Practices

TX24 Artist: Emilio Carrera Quiroga

Date: Saturday, November 16, 2024

Address: Brays Bayou River, Houston, TX

Lawndale Art Center

The Unsettlements - Walk Through, Lunch, and Writing Workshop

TX24 Artist: JD Pluecker

Date: Saturday, October 26, 2024

Address: 4912 Main Street, Houston, TX

Blaffer Art Museum at the University of Houston

2024 Texas Biennial Performance and Music Nights

TX24 Artists: Stacey Allen, Mashal Awais, Open MFA (Ryan Holloway), S Rodriguez, Corey Sherrard Jr., X'ene Sky, and Isabella Mireles Vik

Dates: October 17-19, 2024

Address: 4173 Elgin Street, Houston, TX

Houston Museum of African American Culture

Wave Check

TX24 Artist: Phillip Pyle, II

Date: Saturday, October 12, 2024

Address: 4807 Caroline Street, Houston, TX

Aurora Picture Show and Basket Books & Art

Particles in a Light Beam

TX24 Artist: Krista Leigh Steinke

Date: Saturday, October 5, 2024

Address: 115 Hyde Park Boulevard, Houston, TX

Sawyer Yards: TANK Space | Program

In conversation

TX24 Artists: Veronica Ibarguengoitia and Paloma Mayorga

Date: Saturday, December 14, 2024, 5-5:45 pm, followed by a guided tour of campus exhibitions.

Address: 1824 Spring Street, Houston, TX

For more information, exhibition details, images, and press inquiries, please contact Coka Treviño at trevino@bigmedium.org