



An independent survey of contemporary art in Texas

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TEXAS BIENNIAL ANNOUNCES 2013 OPEN CALL

Austin, Texas – January 1, 2013 The Texas Biennial is pleased to announce that the 2013 Open Call for Art has begun. The Biennial is open to all artists living and working in Texas. Submissions for TX★13 will be accepted online at www.texasbiennial.org now through February 28, 2013.

The Texas Biennial was founded in 2005 to provide an exhibition opportunity open to all artists living and working in the state. This year marks the fifth edition of the Texas Biennial, making it the longest-running state biennial in the U.S. Biennial artists for 2013 will be selected by a stellar group of curators:

Bill Arning Director, Contemporary Arts Museum Houston
René Paul Barilleaux Chief Curator/Curator of Art after 1945, McNay Art Museum, San Antonio
Christian Gerstheimer Curator, El Paso Museum of Art
K8 Hardy Artist, New York
Teresa Hubbard / Alexander Birchler Artists and Faculty, Bard College, New York and University of Texas at Austin
Annette Lawrence Artist and Professor, University of North Texas, College of Visual Arts and Design, Denton
David Pagel Art critic and Associate Professor, Claremont Graduate University, Los Angeles
Bárbara Perea Independent curator, Mexico City
Christina Rees Curator of the Galleries, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth
Dario Robleto Artist, Houston
Noah Simblist Associate Professor of Art, Southern Methodist University, Meadows School of the Arts, Dallas
Jeremy Strick Director, Nasher Sculpture Center, Dallas
Clint Willour Curator, Galveston Arts Center
Virginia Rutledge Curator-at-Large

The Texas Biennial will take place **September 5 - November 9, 2013** with a range of exhibitions and other programming in Austin, Dallas, Houston, San Antonio and Marfa. The curated open call survey exhibition that is the central feature of the project will be presented at **Blue Star Contemporary Art Center** in San Antonio, with selected performances during the run of the exhibition at **CentralTrak–The Artist Residency of the University of Texas at Dallas**. A special commissioned Biennial artist project will be presented by **Ballroom Marfa**. In celebration of the Biennial's 5th anniversary, **Lawndale Art Center** in Houston and **Big Medium** in Austin will also host exhibitions of current work by selected past Biennial artists, **August 23 - September 28, 2013**. Additional programming will be announced as details become available.

Information about the online application process is available at www.texasbiennial.org.

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Left: Dion Laurent performs *Earthman 2* in Austin for TX★11; **Center:** "Like a Whole Other Country? The State of Contemporary Art in Texas", (L-R) Alison de Lima Greene, Trenton Doyle Hancock, Richard Shiff, David Pagel, Margarita Cabrera and Virginia Rutledge at a TX★11 panel co- presented by *Art Lies* at the Blanton Museum of Art, Austin (transcript available [here](#)); **Right:** TX★09 tribute artist Kelly Fearing (1918–2011) beneath his *Spirit Deer at a Yellow Edge* (1970) at Women & Their Work, Austin (Photo: Steve Hopson)

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