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Presents

The Big Show 2009

Exhibition on view July 10 – August 8, 2009

Lawndale's Annual Open-Call, Juried Exhibition

Awards Announcement

The Big Show 2009 Award winners selected by guest juror, Laura Fried, Assistant Curator for the Contemporary Art Museum, St. Louis, were announced at the opening reception on July 10, 2009. Laura considered the 3 award winners equally, and in lieu of awarding 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards, decided to split the total award amount evenly between three recipients. Three \$1,000 cash awards were awarded to:

Buster Graybill



Maria Cristina Jadick



M.E. Buddy Marrs



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<http://www.lawndaleartcenter.org/press/>

A total of 95 works by 65 artists were selected for THE BIG SHOW from 994 works submitted by 409 artists. Artists selected for the exhibition include:

John Adelman, David Ancira, Michael Arcieri, Lori Avramis, Heather Bause, Mack Bishop 3rd, James Burns, Douglas Cason, Federico Cavazos & Sarah Jones, David Cobb, Chris Comperry, Shannon Crider, Anne Delpine, Ben Tecumseh DeSoto, Nathaniel Donnett, Jane Eifler, Xenia Fedorchenko, Orna Feinstein, Jed Foronda, Frank Fuzzy, Jesus Galvan, James Glassman, David P. Gray, Buster Graybill, Jasmyne Graybill, Chris Dethloff Greene, Natasha Hakala, Maria Cristina Jadick, Jason Kishell, Trish Klenow, Mindy Kober, Stephen Kwok, Julian Joseph Kyle, Larry Larrinaga, Cody Ledvina, Anna Lide, M. E. Buddy Marrs, Michael Meazell, Donna M. Meeks, Rahul Mitra, Christian R. Mora, Jessica Ninci, Jim Nolan, Emily Peacock, Donna Perkins, Kevin Peterson, Page Piland, Julon Pinkston, Tim Robtoy, Allan Rodewald, John Runnels, Stephen Ruth, Lynne Rutzky, Kay Sarver, Sarah Schellenberg, Tra Slaughter, Dirk Strangely, Kamila Szczesna, Tala Vahabzadeh, Rebecca Villarreal, Lillian Warren, William Witte, Catherine Zaras, Zepeda.

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ABOUT THE BIG SHOW

The Big Show is Lawndale Art Center's annual open-call, juried exhibition. Since the show's conception in 1984, it has become an important venue through which emerging and under-represented Houston area artists gain exposure. *The Big Show* was formerly the *East End Show*, sponsored by the East End Progress Association, at Lawndale's original location.

Each year Lawndale Art Center invites a different guest juror to select the work submitted by artists living within 100 miles of Houston. Artists are invited to bring up to three works of art, not previously shown in Houston, to Lawndale Art Center where the work is juried on-site for a chance to be included in the show and a shot at one of three cash prizes.

Emerging artists selected for *The Big Show* have received gallery representation and greater exposure for their work as a result. Eileen Maxson, recipient of the Texas Prize in 2005 first exhibited her winning video in the Big Show 2003. First Prize in the 2003 Big Show went to Robert Pruitt whose work was included in the 2006 Whitney Biennial in New York City, NY.

ABOUT THE GUEST JUROR

Laura Fried is the Assistant Curator of the Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis, where she recently organized British artist Carey Young's first monographic museum exhibition in the United States. A co-curator of exhibitions in the Main Galleries and The Front Room, Fried also oversees a number of ongoing exhibition programs at the Contemporary, including the Great Rivers Biennial, Flat Files and the Emerson Visiting Critics and Curators. Fried is a regular contributor to museum and gallery exhibition catalogs as well as regional publications, and she serves as Adjunct Lecturer in the Department of Art and Art History at the University of Missouri St. Louis. Fried is currently preparing a solo show with Los Angeles and Cambridge based artist/musician Stephen Prina to open in 2010.

THE BIG SLIDE SHOW

Wednesday, July 29, 2009

Thursday, July 30, 2009

6-8 PM

Join us at Lawndale Art Center as some of the Big Show Artists participate in two nights of short, informal slide presentations of their work.

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| About Lawndale: | Lawndale Art Center is a nonprofit alternative exhibition space dedicated to the presentation of contemporary art in all media, with an emphasis on the work of Houston area artists. |
| For More Info: | www.lawndaleartcenter.org or askus@lawndaleartcenter.org |
| Gallery Hours: | Monday-Friday, 10-5; Saturday, 12-5; Closed Sunday |
| Admission: | Admission is free and open to the public |
| Viewing Dates: | This exhibition will open on Friday, July 10, 2009 and will remain on view through Saturday, August 8, 2009. |
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