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Presents

# The Big Show 2010

Lawndale's Annual Open-Call, Juried Exhibition  
July 9 – August 7, 2010

*Houston, Texas* – Lawndale Art Center invites artists living within 100 miles of Houston to submit artworks for a chance to be included in its annual open-call, juried exhibition, *The Big Show*, and a shot at one of three cash awards. This year's Guest Juror, Paul Middendorf, Founder/Co-Director of [galleryHOMELAND](http://galleryHOMELAND) and [EAST/WEST Project Berlin](http://EAST/WEST Project Berlin), will select the show and three award winners based on work submitted in person to Lawndale Art Center. Artists may submit up to three pieces of artwork along with a \$30 entry fee (\$25 for Lawndale members) on **June 23 and 24**, 2010. Jurying of the actual artwork will be conducted over two days. Works not selected for the show must be picked up by the artists on June 28 and 29, 2010. More information about *The Big Show* and artist entry forms can be found on our website, [www.lawndaleartcenter.org](http://www.lawndaleartcenter.org).

### Cash Awards to be announced at the Opening Reception:

First Prize - \$1,250  
Second Prize - \$1,000  
Third Prize - \$750

### Opening Reception: Friday, July 9, 2010

6:30 - 8:30 pm

Exhibition on view July 9 - August 7, 2010

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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. In 2009 Lawndale received 994 submissions by 400 artists. Guest Juror Laura Fried, Assistant Curator for the Contemporary Art Museum, St. Louis, selected 95 works by 65 artists for the exhibition.

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. Buster Graybill, award recipient for the Big Show in 2009, was selected to participate in Artpace San Antonio's International Artist-in-Residence program in 2010. 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

**Paul Middendorf** is an artist/curator and is the founder/co-director of galleryHOMELAND in Portland. galleryHOMELAND is a nonprofit arts organization programming exhibitions, performances, and events locally, nationally, and internationally. Middendorf has been curating for the last 12 years and collaborating with organizations and institutions worldwide. He has curated, performed and exhibited in projects such as PS1 in New York, Scope/Miami, Scope/Hamptons, Art Basel/Switzerland, and the Istanbul Biennale. In September of 2009 Middendorf co-founded The EAST/WEST project, a nonprofit exhibition space and residency in Berlin, Germany.

Through The EAST/WEST Project, he has helped encourage cultural exchange by establishing short term project spaces for international artists to share, develop and progress contemporary ideas. He earned a BFA from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago in 2000. Middendorf lives and works in Portland, Oregon.

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<b>About Lawndale:</b>	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.
<b>For More Info:</b>	<a href="http://www.lawndaleartcenter.org">www.lawndaleartcenter.org</a> or <a href="mailto:askus@lawndaleartcenter.org">askus@lawndaleartcenter.org</a>
<b>Gallery Hours:</b>	Monday-Friday, 10-5; Saturday, 12-5; Closed Sunday
<b>Admission:</b>	Admission is free and open to the public
<b>Viewing Dates:</b>	This exhibition will open on Friday, July 9, 2010 and will remain on view through Saturday, August 7, 2010.
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