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Baton Rouge Gallery Announces Artist Selected for its Second Annual Surreal Salon--A National Juried Exhibition



The Surreal Salon, formerly known as The Surrealist Ball and Juried Exhibition, will run from Jan. 3-28, 2010 at Baton Rouge Gallery (BRG) - inside Baton Rouge's historic City Park – located at 1442 City Park Ave.

This exciting exhibition will feature the work of contemporary artists from across the country shedding light on the lasting effects surrealism – one of the most intriguing movements of the 20th century – has on the way that contemporary art is created in the 21st century.

Last April, hundreds attended BRG's inaugural Surrealist Ball & Juried Exhibition clad in costumes ranging from rainbows to matadors and Dali-inspired trees to geishas while others dressed as Frida Kahlo and swans. Critically-acclaimed bands provided the night's entertainment, while many took part in surrealist games such as Exquisite Corpse and others. However, the unquestioned highlight of the night was the multimedia juried art exhibition, which featured over 35 artists from across the state of Louisiana with works of surrealist-inspired art.

BRG is proud to announce the juror's selection of artists for the Second Annual Surreal Salon. This year, eligibility has been expanded to all artists living and creating in the United States and its commonwealths and territories. Over 250 entries from all over the United States applied making the juror's decision a daunting one.

The juror for the Surreal Salon will be esteemed artist, illustrator and faculty member of the Academy of Art University San Francisco, **David Ball**. Ball's work has been exhibited in the U.S. and has been featured internationally in art publications in China, Taiwan and Germany. Additionally, he has worked extensively as a freelance illustrator working with the likes of the *Village Voice*, *Boston Review*, *Chicago Tribune*, *PC Magazine* and *Playstation*.

Artist juried into the Second Annual Surreal Salon include:

Chris Aaron	Baton Rouge LA	<i>"Untitled Video"</i>
Ashley K. Bell	Baton Rouge LA	<i>"Ship of My Fathers"</i>
Ron Bennett	Waggaman LA	<i>"Prop"</i> <i>"Looking Good Falling Down"</i>
Craig Black	Gonzales LA	<i>"Musing The Chicken or The Egg"</i>
Robert Bowen	San Francisco CA	<i>"April's Fools"</i> <i>"Southern Oracle"</i>
Hannah March Campbell	Baton Rouge LA	<i>"Story Map No. 1"</i>
Rachel Clark	Knoxville TN	<i>"Sausage Portrait"</i>
Paul Dean	Baton Rouge LA	<i>"Odalisque"</i> <i>"Butterflies"</i> <i>"Their Satanic Majesties Request"</i>
Lacey Dupré	Lafayette LA	<i>"Oysters"</i>
Henryk Fantazos	Hillsborough NC	<i>"Gothic Kissing Booth"</i> <i>"House Key"</i>
Wylie Garcia	Burlington VT	<i>"Recline I"</i> <i>"Recline III"</i>
Victoria Goro-Rapoport	Kearney NE	<i>"Mephisto's Feast"</i> <i>"Urban Crucifixion II"</i> <i>"Prisoners of the Time Web"</i>
Morghan Gray	Baton Rouge LA	<i>"I am Lovin'"</i>

Amy Guidry	Lafayette LA	<i>"Complacent"</i>
Todd Hines	Baton Rouge LA	<i>"Descent"</i>
Walter Hnatysh	Lake Worth FL	<i>"Poinked"</i>
David Carlisle Humphreys	Baton Rouge LA	<i>"Eupatorus Gracilicournus"</i> <i>"Fish Heads"</i> <i>"Hornet"</i>
Bruce Humphries	Cheltenham PA	<i>"Speak"</i>
Lisa M. Johnson	Oxford OH	<i>"Neck-laced Grenade 1a"</i>
Marlene Llanes	Pasadena TX	<i>"This is not a Prelude"</i>
Mario Marzan	Carrboro NC	<i>"Sinter Method Dive and Reappear no 1"</i> <i>"Sinter Metho Transient structures no 1"</i> <i>"Sinter Method Dive and Reappear no 7-9"</i>
James Russell May	Louisville KY	<i>"In the Garden"</i>
Mary McBride	Baton Rouge LA	<i>"In Triplicate, Please"</i> <i>"Tool for Writing a Manifesto"</i> <i>"Magnetic Memory Enhancer"</i>
Florence Alfonso McEwin	Green River WY	<i>"Bet Me"</i>
Lee Ann Moser	Baton Rouge LA	<i>"Tensile Strength"</i> <i>"On the Table"</i>
Armin Muhsam	Maryville MO	<i>"Sectional Elevation"</i>

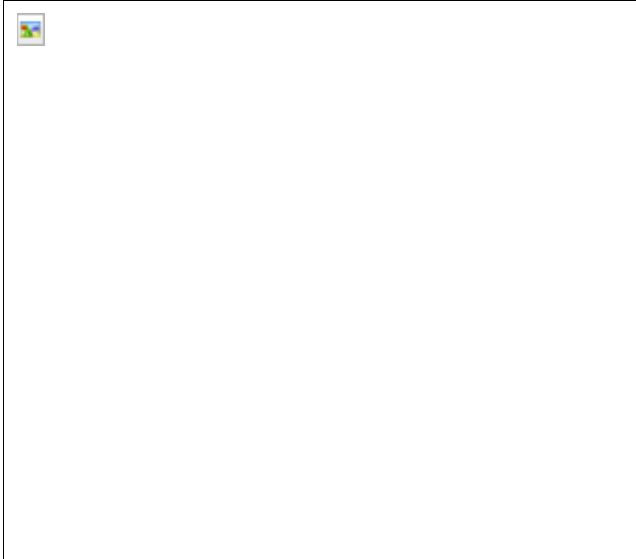
		<i>"Unit 38"</i>
Melanie Peak	Baton Rouge LA	<i>"String"</i>
Russ Revock	Cleveland OH	<i>"Two Stories of a Two-Story Varicose Incompetent"</i> <i>"Comfortable Oppression Within the Imaginary Inside"</i>
Blake Sanders	Baton Rouge LA	<i>"The Chase"</i> <i>"The Prize"</i>
Christopher Smith	Baton Rouge LA	<i>"I Miss the Pacific Ocean"</i>
Madelyn Smoak	Durham NC	<i>"Gothic Cicada Necklace"</i> <i>"Love Lies Bleeding"</i>
Tamara Staser-Meltzer	Petaluma CA	<i>"XI JUSTICE"</i> <i>"DIANA"</i>
Dyana Walker	Kerrville TX	<i>"The Muse"</i>
Emily Williams	Columbus GA	<i>"Altered Remains"</i> <i>"Milagros for What Ails You"</i> <i>"Vanitas"</i>
Michael Yankowski	Natchitoches LA	<i>"Dream Under Construction Cherry"</i>

In 2010, **BRG will again host a costumed soiree in honor of the Surreal Salon on Saturday, January 23, 2010 at BRG.** This evening of visual art, live musical performances and surrealist games will challenge attendees to top the "surreal" costumes from last year's event. At the soiree, prizes will be awarded to the top three Surreal Salon works of art, as selected by the exhibition's juror with **\$1000 in cash prizes** being distributed. Additional cash and prizes will be given to the attendees judged to have the "most surreal attire" at the soiree.

Baton Rouge Gallery is upping the ante for this year's exhibition with \$1,000 in cash prizes to be distributed to the top 3 pieces in the exhibition (as selected by the exhibition's juror, San Francisco-based artist, David Ball).

For more information on the Surreal Salon, please email: surrealsalon@gmail.com or call 225-383-1470.

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