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## **CATHERINE ANSPON TO SIGN BOOK IN CONJUNCTION WITH 2011 GALVESTON ARTISTS STUDIO TOUR**

Saturday, March 12, 4 to 6 pm

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GALVESTON, Texas, January 15, 2011—Galveston Arts Center is pleased to announce a book-signing event with Catherine Anspón, author of the recently published *Texas Artists Today*. A reception honoring the author will be held from 4 to 6 pm on Saturday, March 12, 2011. This event is held in conjunction with the 2011 Galveston Artists Studio Tour.

A lively, lavishly illustrated volume, *Texas Artists Today*, offers a fresh take on the mid-career players (plus a few up-and-comers) upon the rich canvas of Texas's art scene. Sixty-two artists are surveyed—none of whom have been represented before in a monographic book—via insider studio tours, portraits, and examples of their work, accompanied by concise essays that elucidate each talent's intent, inspiration, and working methods. Author Catherine Anspón is the Visual Arts Editor for Houston's *PaperCity* magazine. Published by Marquand Books in a collectible, limited edition of 3,000 hand-numbered copies (the first edition is almost sold out!), the book will be available for purchase at the Arts Center.

Important and prominent artists such as Dario Robleto and Franco Mondini-Ruiz—both Whitney Biennial—exhibited—are explored, as well as those who deserve to be more widely known, including Sharon Kopriva of the epic mummy installations; Sharon Engelstein, whose sculpture exists at the intersection of art and design; and Ludwig Schwarz, who devises wry interventions in commerce and global production. In fact, many of the artists highlighted in this volume have been presented in Galveston Arts Center exhibitions, where GAC curator Clint Willour organized exhibitions for them at seminal stages in their careers.

In addition, Anspón will also sign books at Bogan Gallery, 2217 Postoffice, from 6 to 9 pm during ArtWalk. The gallery will host an exhibition of the 13 local artists participating in the second annual Galveston Artists Studio Tour. Held on Saturday, March 12 and Sunday, March 13, 2011, the event highlights Galveston's thriving artistic community, and will allow visitors to meet and interact with artists within their work spaces, from downtown lofts to historic homes.

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Participating artists include: Sallie Anderson, George Bowes, Janet Hassinger, Marie Leterme, Kathy Nixie, Robyn Pandolph, Danny Pickett, Gayle Reynolds, Kamila Szczesna, Martha Terrill, Stephanie Thomas, Loretta Trevino, and René Wiley.

The tour is free and open to the public. An opening reception will be held on Friday, March 11, from 6 to 9 pm at Bogan Gallery. Visitor information and tour maps may be obtained at Bogan Gallery (2217 Postoffice), Galveston Arts Center (2501 Market), or online at [www.galveston.com](http://www.galveston.com) and [www.bogangallery.com](http://www.bogangallery.com). For information about the tour, please call 409.765.1711. Special thanks to the Galveston Historical Foundation and Galveston.com for their support of this year's event.

Galveston Arts Center is operating in a temporary downtown gallery space—the site of the former Maceo's Spice and Import Company located on the corner of Market and 25<sup>th</sup> Streets. The administrative offices are also at this location. The gallery and selections from GAC's retail gallery, ArtWorks, are open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 11 am to 5 pm and Sunday by appointment only. A flyer listing all ArtWalk participants with times and locations can be downloaded at [www.contemporaryartgalveston.org](http://www.contemporaryartgalveston.org).

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