

the menil arts community

OPEN HOUSE

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Southwest Alternate Media Project (SWAMP)

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Writers in the Schools (WITS)

THE PREMIER NON-PROFIT ARTS ORGANIZATIONS OF THE MENIL COMMUNITY
INVITE YOU TO OUR

OPEN HOUSE
saturday, april 25, 2009
3 to 9 p.m.

The Menil Arts Community Open House is a FREE afternoon of music, film, readings, and visual arts.

DEMONSTRATIONS
ART SALES
EXHIBITIONS
PERFORMANCES
FAMILY ARTS ACTIVITIES
FILM ARTS AND VIDEOKE

For more detailed schedule of events visit www.menil.org

Free parking

Available in the Menil lot on West Alabama, between Mandell and Mulberry Street

Food and drinks

Various cash food vendors and complimentary treats will be available around campus

Don't forget

Guests are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs to enjoy the park.
Picnics also welcome!

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ONGOING EXHIBITIONS

The Rothko Chapel 10-5PM Watercolor Art Society - Houston 10-6PM
 The Menil Collection 11-7PM Houston Center for Photography 12-6PM
 Byzantine Fresco Chapel Museum 11AM-6PM

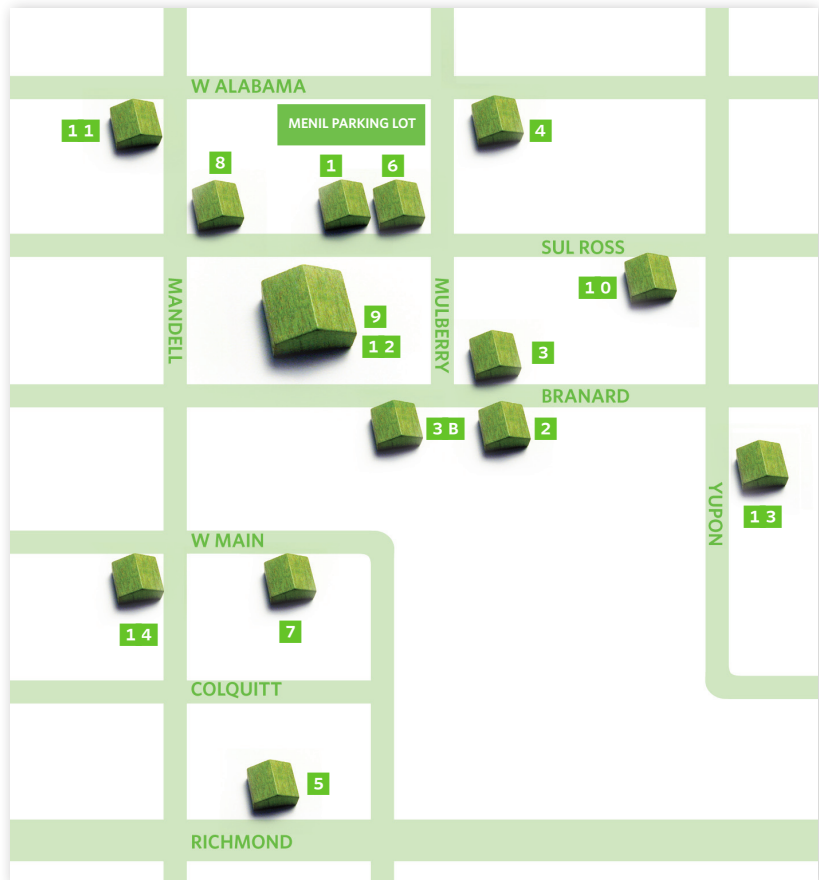
SPECIAL EVENTS

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| 1-6PM | WAS-H Arts Festival and teacher demonstrations @ Watercolor Art Society - Houston |
| 3PM | Da Camera/WITS Present "The New Songs Project" @ Cy Twombly |
| 3PM | Czech musicians Irena and Vojta Havlovi @ The Rothko Chapel |
| 3-6PM | Videoke and Treats @ Aurora Video Library |
| 3-6PM | Scratchtopia Camera-less Filmmaking @ SWAMP |
| 3-6PM | Art stations and workshops @ COLLAGE: Art for Cancer |
| 3-7PM | Andy Warhol Screen Tests from HCAS @ Richmond Hall |
| 4-6PM | WITS Creative Writing Tours (every half hour) @ Menil Foyer |
| 4-6PM | Sapling give-away and presentations by Trees for Houston @ Houston Center for Photography |
| 6-6:30PM | Inprint Reading with Alex Parsons @ The Menil Bookstore Deck |
| 6:30-8PM | DJ Lama and Saint Arnolds @ The Menil Bookstore Deck |
| 8-9PM | Screening of Texas Short Films @ Aurora Picture Show backyard |

SPECIAL OFFER

Sophia Restaurant at 1601 West Main Street will offer a 10% discount to Open House attendees from 11AM to 11PM.
www.sophiahouston.com

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AURORA PICTURE SHOW

www.aurorapictureshow.org

LOCATION: Aurora Video Library, 1524 Sul Ross **HOURS:** 3-6 Videoke for the family; 8PM Screening

Videoke and Outdoor Screening

Join Aurora for family-friendly videoke and treats at the office during the day, followed by a screening of short films by Texas filmmakers funded by the Austin Film Society at 8PM. Sponsored by Saint Arnold Brewery.

ABOUT AURORA

Aurora Picture Show is a non-profit micro-cinema that presents artist-made, non-commercial film and video. We are dedicated to expanding the cinematic experience and promoting the understanding and appreciation of moving image art.

BYZANTINE FRESCO CHAPEL MUSEUM

www.menil.org/visit/byzantine.php

LOCATION: 4011 Yupon Street @ Branard Street **HOURS:** 11AM-6PM

ABOUT BYZANTINE FRESCO CHAPEL MUSEUM

Opened in 1997, The Byzantine Fresco Chapel Museum is the repository of the only intact thirteenth-century Byzantine frescoes of this size and importance in the Western hemisphere.

COLLAGE: THE ART FOR CANCER NETWORK

www.collageartforcancer.org

LOCATION: 1425 Branard Street, Suite 2 **HOURS:** 3-6PM

Collage will host an informal art workshop and art station with local artists.

ABOUT COLLAGE

COLLAGE: The Art for Cancer Network is dedicated to providing innovative art programs for people living with cancer. COLLAGE is inspired by a belief in the power of art and creativity to transform lives.

DA CAMERA OF HOUSTON

www.dacamera.com

LOCATION: Cy Twombly Gallery, 1501 Branard **HOURS:** 3PM

The New Songs Project

This year eighth graders from H.I.S.D.'s Grady Middle School have been exploring Da Camera's season theme, "Exiles and Immigrants." Through live performances in the classroom and through recordings, Grady students have encountered important works from the chamber music and jazz repertory. Partnering with Writers in the Schools, Da Camera has broken down the alienating barriers of the concert hall, presenting music just feet away from a student's desk, stimulating fascinating discussions and inspiring the students to express themselves through creative writing.

Poems written by the students participating in this program have been set to original music by a team of young composers from Rice University's Shepherd School of Music and the University of Houston's Moores School of Music. On this concert you will hear these new works performed by an excellent team of young musicians.

ABOUT DA CAMERA

Da Camera of Houston's mission is to produce and present concert experiences with a commitment to quality and innovation while broadening the audience for chamber music, jazz and contemporary music.

HOUSTON CENTER FOR PHOTOGRAPHY

www.hcponline.org

LOCATION: 1441 W. Alabama **HOURS:** 12PM - 6PM

On view in the galleries *Human Nature*, 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. From 4-6PM, Trees for Houston will distribute saplings and present a workshop on planting trees.

ABOUT HCP

The Houston Center for Photography's mission is to increase society's understanding and appreciation of photography and its evolving role in contemporary culture. HCP strives to encourage artists, build audiences, stimulate dialogue, and promote inquiry about photography and related media through education, exhibitions, publications, fellowship programs, and community collaboration.

HOUSTON CINEMA ARTS SOCIETY

www.cinemartsociety.org

LOCATION: Richmond Hall - The Menil Collection **HOURS:** 3 - 7 PM

Projection of "The Andy Warhol Screen Tests"

Andy Warhol filmed 472 short, photographic portraits of a diverse population of cultural figures that have become known as the Screen Tests. HCAS will project ten of the portraits on 16mm film, the medium in which they were shot, in Richmond Hall, running continuously from 3-7pm. The subjects of the screen tests are Dennis Hopper, Peter Hujar, Bruce Rudow, Patrick Fleming, Helmut, Ivy Nicholson, Jane Holzer, Walter Dainwood, Paul Katz.... and Francois de Menil, who was twenty years old and studying acting in New York City when he sat in a chair in Warhol's Factory and posed.

ABOUT HCAS

The Houston Cinema Arts Society's mission is to celebrate and illuminate the vitality and diversity of the City of Houston by presenting a festival of innovative cinema, mixed-media performances, new media and installations to promote Houston's economic development, enrich the film and arts environment, and foster cross-cultural understanding.

INPRINT

www.inprinthouston.org

LOCATION: The Menil Bookstore, 1520 Sul Ross **RAIN LOCATION:** Inprint House, 1520 W Main St **HOURS:** 6-6:30PM

Enjoy a reading by one of Houston's finest writers, Alex Parsons. Alex, a faculty member from the renowned UH Creative Writing Program, has published two novels, *Leaving Disneyland* and *In the Shadows of the Sun*, and is at work on a third novel, *El Repoman*. *Leaving Disneyland* won a 2000 Associated Writing Programs Award for the Novel and also the 2001 Writers' League of Texas Violet Crown Award. Alex has also had several screenplays optioned.

ABOUT INPRINT

The mission of Inprint is to inspire readers and writers in Houston. A nonprofit organization founded in 1983, Inprint fulfills this mission through the nationally renowned Inprint Brown Reading Series, through literary and educational activities in the community that demonstrate the value and impact of creative writing, and through support for the UH Creative Writing Program.

SOUTHWEST ALTERNATE MEDIA PROJECT

www.swamp.org

LOCATION: 1519 West Main **HOURS:** 3-6PM

Scratchtopia Camera-less Filmmaking

How do you make films without a camera? Easy — you use household items and tools. SWAMP will be offering this unique experimental film animation project that will give participants an opportunity to create hand-made films using camera-less techniques such as scratching, painting, collage and variety of other methods that are both visually interesting and provocative.

ABOUT SWAMP

The Southwest Alternate Media Project (SWAMP) promotes the creation and appreciation of film, video, and new media as art forms of a multicultural community. Incorporated as a non-profit organization in 1977, SWAMP provides diverse artists and audiences opportunities for media arts education, creation, and literacy through our ongoing core services and programs including professional development workshops for adults, youth classes, information resources, and exhibition (screenings and THE TERRITORY, a short film showcase series broadcast on Texas PBS).

TEXAS ACCOUNTANTS AND LAWYERS FOR THE ARTS

www.talarts.org

LOCATION: 1540 Sul Ross **HOURS:** 4-7PM

Come over to the Texas Accountants and Lawyers for the Arts (TALA) office and view the wide range of drawings, prints, and paintings for sale. TALA will also have wine, fruit juice, and kid friendly videos playing in the office.

ABOUT TALA

TALA provides free legal and accounting services to arts nonprofits and artists from all creative disciplines, including visual artists, musicians, actors, dancers, filmmakers and writers.

THE MENIL COLLECTION

www.menil.org

LOCATION: 1515 Sul Ross Street **HOURS:** 11AM - 7PM

Face Off: A Selection of Old Masters and Others from The Menil Collection

While the title offers a seemingly oppositional stance, it also refers to the long and varied nature of portraiture around the world. Including prints from the fifteenth to nineteenth centuries, a small number of pre-Renaissance sculptures, and modern and contemporary painting, the exhibition provides fresh insight into fundamental issues of likeness, memory, and identity.

Contemporary Conversations: John Chamberlain, American Tableau

"John Chamberlain: American Tableau" is the third exhibition in The Menil Collection's series, "Contemporary Conversations," which highlights work in the collection by living artists. The series works with the artist to focus on a specific aspect or time period of their production. "American Tableau" presents a single large-scale sculpture as a room-size installation.

Marlene Dumas: Measuring Your Own Grave

"Marlene Dumas: Measuring Your Own Grave" is the first major mid-career survey mounted in the United States of the work of the South African-born artist who now lives and works in the Netherlands. The exhibition presents sixty-five paintings and twenty-five drawings that are installed thematically to emphasize the serial nature in which the work was conceived.

ABOUT THE MENIL COLLECTION

The Menil Collection is a museum dedicated to preserving and exhibiting the art collection of Houston philanthropists John and Dominique de Menil. Its diverse holdings represent many world cultures and thousands of years of human creativity, from prehistoric times to the present day. Assembled over the course of many decades, the collection—which continues to grow—is widely recognized for its depth and eclecticism. At the Menil visitors view art in a tranquil, contemplative setting.

THE ROTHKO CHAPEL

www.rothkochapel.org

LOCATION: 1409 Sul Ross **HOURS:** 10AM-5PM with 3PM performance

The Rothko Chapel will present Czech musicians Irena and Vojta Havlovi in concert at The Rothko Chapel at 3PM on Saturday, April 25. The duo will give a performance using viola da gamba, Tibetan bowls and bells, and vocals. This internationally-recognized husband-and-wife duo have collaborated and recorded for over 15 years and are known for their highly poetic, meditative music.

ABOUT THE ROTHKO CHAPEL

The Rothko Chapel, founded by John and Dominique de Menil, was dedicated in 1971 as an intimate sanctuary available to people of every belief. A modern meditative environment inspired by the mural canvasses of American abstract expressionist Mark Rothko, the Chapel welcomes thousands of visitors each year, people of every faith and from all parts of the world.

WAS-H

www.watercolorhouston.org

LOCATION: 1601 West Alabama **HOURS:** 10AM to 6PM

The Spring WAS-H Art Festival will begin at 1:00 pm and end at 6:00 pm this year. We offer discounted paintings, art books, art tools and various other items related to watercolor paintings. It is held under our big oak tree, in the parking lot on the corner of Alabama and Mandell.

The public is invited to take the leap into the wonderful world of watercolor. From 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm take a mini art lesson. You'll walk away with your own miniature painting under the supervision of a teacher. Our instructors will be showcasing their talents and demonstrating watercolor techniques on paper.

Our juried April monthly membership show with the theme of Earth Day is on display as our recognition of Earth Day. There will be a special award given by Citizen's Environmental Coalition (CEC), a local environmental group.

ABOUT WAS-H

For over 30 years, WAS-H has brought the excitement of watermedia to the greater Houston area with outstanding exhibitions, world-class instruction and dedicated community outreach. Year-round opportunities are provided to every level of painter, from novice to the seasoned expert. Art lovers can also enjoy year-round exhibitions in our gallery in the Museum District.

WRITERS IN THE SCHOOLS

www.witshouston.org

LOCATION: The Menil Foyer **HOURS:** 4-6PM

In addition to The New Songs Project collaboration with Da Camera, Writers in the Schools (WITS) will host creative writing tours open to families at the Menil from 4-6PM. Tours will begin every half hour in the Menil foyer. WITS tutors will lead a brief writing exercise using the Menil as inspiration, giving participants a chance to express themselves creatively through written word.

ABOUT WITS

Writers in the Schools (WITS) engages children in the pleasure and power of reading and writing. WITS revolutionizes the way reading and writing are taught, nurturing the growth of the imagination and awakening students to the adventures of language.