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Art League Houston

Invites you to the *Texas Contemporary Art Fair*

Presenting

An installation of Light Sculpture and Collage

By **PATRICK TURK**

Installation on View - Thursday, October 20 - Sunday, October 23, 2011
VIP Preview Party - Thursday, October 20, 7:30 - 10:00 p.m.

Art Fair Hours

Friday, October 21 - 11:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 22 - 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 23 - 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Houston, TX - Art League Houston is honored to be a cultural partner with the *TX Contemporary Art Fair* and excited to present an innovative installation by Houston-based artist Patrick Turk, which explores the phenomenon of time travel through a series of six interactive light sculptures that combine three-dimensional collage with electronic mechanisms, LED technology, and futuristic design.

The *TX Contemporary Art Fair* features presentations from sixty galleries showcasing contemporary work from the most innovative, progressive and driven artists from around the world, and opens **Thursday, October 20 to Sunday, October 23 at the George R. Brown Convention Center.**

Patrick Turk's light sculptures relate to a significant time in history; ranging from the evolution of the dinosaurs to the adventures of the Wild Wild West, and alternative realities of the near and far future. The collages incorporate multiple layers of pop culture imagery, which have been meticulously hand carved from various picture books such as children's comics, science-fiction novels, encyclopedias, history books and scientific diagrams, to create a multi-dimensional surface across which time appears to be smeared.

Turk's pain-staking process, combined with a variety of circular viewing portals containing diverse magnification strengths, allows the viewer to defy the rules of modern-day physics and experience the extraordinary sensation of traveling through time.

ARE YOU AN ART LEAGUE HOUSTON MEMBER?

If yes, don't miss out on receiving your **complementary VIP pass courtesy of Art League Houston** to the *Texas Contemporary Preview Party* on Thursday, October 20 and access to the fair all weekend long. Just email your name to jill@artleaguehouston.org.

If you are not a member and want a **complimentary VIP pass**, don't worry! You can become an ALH member in no time by calling **713-523-9530**.

ABOUT THE ARTIST

Patrick Turk is a self-trained, Houston-based artist from Galveston, Texas. He has had numerous solo and group exhibitions throughout Houston in non-profit arts organizations and commercial galleries including Art League Houston (2011), Lawndale Art Center (2011), Rudolph/Projects/Art Scan (2009), Art Storm (2008), as well as galleries in Galveston, Texas, Los Angeles and California. Patrick's works are in numerous private and corporate collections and have been featured in the Houston Chronicle, 29-95, and on *The Front Row* radio series, and CultureMap. His high profile commissions include the 2009 Houston Art Car Parade Poster, as well as the *Philokalia* album cover for the band Golden Cities.

ABOUT ART LEAGUE HOUSTON

Art League Houston (ALH) was founded in 1948 and incorporated as a non-profit organization in 1953. **The mission of ALH is to cultivate awareness, appreciation, and accessibility of contemporary visual art within the community for its cultural enrichment.** Art League Houston fulfills its mission through exhibitions, the Art League School, its annual *Texas Artist of the Year* program, and outreach programming.

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