

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: August 23, 2011

For more information contact: Jennifer Ash
713.523.9530

jennifer@artleaguehouston.org

Photos and complete biographies available on request



Wallpaper as Art **If You Sprinkle When You Tinkle** **Heather Bause**

Installation on view Friday, September 9 - February 24, 2012
Opening reception - Friday, September 9 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Art League Houston Main Gallery Restroom

Houston, TX - **Art League Houston** is excited to present ***Wall Paper as Art: If You Sprinkle When You Tinkle***, a hand-painted wallpaper installation by Houston artist **Heather Bause** in the Art League Houston main gallery restroom. The installation will debut alongside *Mary McCleary: A Survey 1996-2011* on **Friday, September 9 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

Wall Paper as Art: If You Sprinkle When You Tinkle features a series of delicately hand-painted Damask patterns on paper, which elegantly cover the walls of the Art League Houston main gallery restroom, transforming the neglected space into a richly diverse and creative environment that fuses together the delicate qualities of the materials and the elegance of the imagery, with the coarse nature of the restroom environment.

This innovative installation references the 1920's tradition adopted by many art museums of displaying hand drawn wallpaper in public restrooms as a way of creating a nontraditional creative environment, as well as the iconic series of

Art League Houston, 1953 Montrose Boulevard, Houston, Texas 77006

custom-made wallpaper art installations known as *Room Art* created by noted artists such as Andy Warhol, John Baldessari and Sol Lewitt.

Special thanks to DARKE I gallery for generously funding this exciting project.

ABOUT HEATHER BAUSE

Heather Bause lives and works in Houston, Texas where she received a BFA in Painting from the University of Houston. She has had solo exhibitions at DesignWorks Gallery, Galveston (2007) and Bering & James Gallery, Houston (2010) and is scheduled to show at DARKE I gallery in February 2012.

Other exhibitions from this year include the *BOX of Curiosities (Portable on Demand Art)*, in coordination with The American Association of Museums Cultural PODs Program, HAA and Discovery Green, Houston, TX (2011); *The BIG Show*, Lawndale Art Center, Houston, TX (2011); *The Texas National*, Nacogdoches, Texas (2011); and *5x7*, Arthouse at the Jones Center, Austin, TX (2011).

Currently a BOX13 ArtSpace board member and participating artist, Heather also teaches Mixed Media for the Art League of Houston, as well as for the Houston Grand Opera outreach organization, HGOco.

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.

SUPPORT

Art League Houston is funded in part by a grant from the City of Houston through the Houston Arts Alliance.

This project is supported in part by a grant from the Texas Commission on the Arts.

Art League Houston acknowledges the following private foundations and corporations for their support this season: Art Colony Association Inc, Axiom, The Brown Foundation, Inc., CenterPoint Energy, DARKE gallery, ExxonMobil Foundation, Felvis Foundation, The Eleanor & Frank Freed Foundation, Houston Endowment, Inc., Krewe of Olympus-Texas, Inc., Lone Star Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, John P. McGovern Foundation, Mrs. Kathrine McGovern, New Leaf Publishing, Oshman Foundation, Alice Kleberg Reynolds Foundation, Saint Arnold Brewing Company, Southwest Precision Printers, Target, Susan Vaughan Foundation, The Wachovia Wells Fargo Foundation, and the Wortham Foundation, Inc.