

# THE BIG SHOW

July 10—August 8, 2015

## The Big Show 2015 Participating Artists & Awards Announcement

Houston, TX - **Lawndale Art Center** is pleased to announce **The Big Show 2015** award winners. **The Big Show 2015 award winners** selected by guest juror, **George Scheer**, Executive Director & Co-Founder, Elsewhere, Greensboro, NC, were announced at the opening reception on July 10, 2015.

In lieu of awarding a limited number of cash awards to select artists, the \$3000 in awards will be divided equally among the 62 participating artists. Scheer also awarded five special distinction awards to artists:

**Allyson Huntsman**  
**Amy Richards**  
**Herbert Shapiro**  
**Charles L. Thomas**  
**Justin Zachary**

A total of 76 works by 62 artists were selected for the exhibition from 972 works submitted by 355 artists. **The Big Show will be on view at Lawndale Art Center through August 8, 2015.** Artists selected for the exhibition include:

Fariba Abedin, Shawn Artis, Karen Brasier, Qindeel Butt, Erick Calderon, Lindy Chambers, Peter Chok, Lim Chung, Felipe Contreras, Bryan Cope, Terry Crump, Sonya Cuellar, Heather Den Uijl, Laura Veles Drey, Shannon Duckworth, Adrienne Duncan, Trey Duvall, Sherman Finch, Vincent Fink, Steve Ross Fisher, Mary Forbes, John Forse, Rachel Gardner, J.G. Harkins, Cynical Consumerism: JP Hartman, Michael Horvath, John Hovig, Allyson Huntsman, Ross Irwin, Amir Kasem, Linda Simien Kelly, Mary Carol Kenney, Hogan Kimbrell, Iva Kinnaird, Lauren Lohman, Leslie Magdaleno, Cobra McVey, Kelly Moran, Pen Morrison, Viridiana Navarro, Lee Alice (Hillman) Pablo, Robert Peña Jr., Samantha Persons, Janet Reynolds, Amy Richards, Nataliya Scheib, Wade Schmitz, Herbert Shapiro, Tivakorn Sirinopawongsakorn, Royce Ann Sline, Graciela Socorro, Phaedra Jean Taylor, Eric Thayer, Charles L. Thomas, Brian James Thompson, Jennifer G. Thompson, Jaelyn Touchstone, Sandy Tramel, Elise Weber, Mary Wemple, Justin Zachary and Brandon Zech



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## **ABOUT THE BIG SHOW**

*The Big Show* is Lawndale Art Center's annual open-call, juried exhibition. Since the show's conception in 1984, it has become an important venue through which emerging and under-represented Houston area artists gain exposure. *The Big Show* was formerly the *East End Show*, sponsored by the East End Progress Association, at Lawndale's original location.

Each year Lawndale Art Center invites a different guest juror to select the work submitted by artists living within 100 miles of Houston. Artists are invited to submit up to three works of art, not previously shown in Houston, to be considered for the exhibition and a chance at \$3,000 in cash awards.

Emerging artists selected for *The Big Show* have received gallery representation and greater exposure for their work as a result. Many artists often go on to present solo exhibitions at Lawndale. The 2015-2016 exhibition season will include exhibitions by past Big Show artists, including Kay Saver, Camille Warmington, Caroline Roberts and Joy Harris. 2009 Big Show artist Kevin Peterson was awarded the 2015 Hunting Prize. Buster Graybill, award recipient for the Big Show in 2009, was selected to participate in Artpace San Antonio's International Artist-in-Residence program in 2010. Eileen Maxson, recipient of the Texas Prize in 2005 first exhibited her winning video in the Big Show 2003. First Prize in the 2003 Big Show went to Robert Pruitt whose work was included in the 2006 Whitney Biennial.

## **ABOUT THE GUEST JUROR**

**George Scheer** is the co-founder and director of [Elsewhere](#), a living museum and artist residency set in a former thrift store in downtown Greensboro, NC. George is an artist, writer and scholar who fosters creative communities at the intersection of aesthetics and social change. George holds an MA in Critical Theory and Visual Culture from Duke University and a BA from the University of Pennsylvania in Political Communications. He is currently pursuing a PhD in Communication and Performance Studies at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on the Cultural Economy of Art and Urban Development.

## **ABOUT LAWNDALE ART CENTER**

Lawndale Art Center develops local contemporary artists and the audience for their art. Lawndale is dedicated to the presentation of contemporary art with an emphasis on work by Houston artists. Lawndale presents exhibitions, lectures and events, and offers an annual residency program to further the creative exchange of ideas among Houston's diverse artistic, cultural and student communities.

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**Gallery Hours:** Monday-Friday, 10-5; Saturday, 12-5; Closed Sunday

**Admission:** Free

**Exhibition on view:** July 10 – August 8, 2015

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