

# RUBY CITY

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## RUBY CITY ANNOUNCES FALL 2024 EXHIBITION, PROGRAMS, AND 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Photography by Bria Woods

**What: Fall 2024 Ruby City Exhibition & Program Announcement**

**Where: Ruby City, 150 Camp Street, San Antonio, TX 78204**

**SAN ANTONIO, TX,** (September 9, 2024) — This fall, Ruby City, operated by the Linda Pace Foundation, celebrates 5 years as an architectural icon and top tier contemporary art institution by unveiling a new exhibition along with multiple engaging, artful, and celebratory programs for the community of San Antonio to enjoy. Admission to Ruby City and participation in programming is free and open to the public. Reservations are recommended for visits to Ruby City and some programs require registration for participation.

Information below is subject to change. For more information, contact [communications@rubycity.org](mailto:communications@rubycity.org).

**STELLAR: Interactive Portrait Workshop with Bria Woods**

**Saturday, September 14, 2024, 2-3:30 PM in Studio inside Chris Park**

**[RSVP required](#) – Event is at Capacity**

Inspired by Celia Álvarez Muñoz's series *Semejantes Personajes/Significant Personages*, San Antonio photographer [Bria Woods](#) will lead a discussion about the works on view, the role and responsibility of the portrait photographer, share some practical skills, and facilitate an interactive workshop incorporating portrait photography and introspective reflection. All materials and equipment necessary for this workshop will be provided for this adult workshop.

Woods is a celebrated San Antonio-based photographer, photojournalist, and radio host. Her work has appeared in BBC.Com, Edible SA Magazine, and the San Antonio Report. She is also the host of Women in Jazz on KRTU.

This program is part of the 30<sup>th</sup> annual [FOTOSEPTIEMBRE](#), San Antonio's month-long citywide celebration of photography

### **Meditation in Chris Park**

**Sundays, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17**

**10-11 AM**

#### **Chris Park**

The ever-popular Meditation in Chris Park series returns for the Fall season. Every third Sunday of the month in September, October, and November, participants are invited to join seasoned meditation practitioner and artist [Pamela Martinez](#) for a restorative one-hour experience that includes a variety of mindfulness meditation techniques. Each session begins with an introduction to meditation practices, making this perfect for a first timer.

### ***Irrationally Speaking: Collage & Assemblage in Contemporary Art***

#### **Exhibition Walkthrough and Reception**

**Saturday, September 21, 2024**

**2PM Walkthrough, 3-5PM Reception**

#### **Ruby City**

*Irrationally Speaking* highlights two art forms—collage and assemblage—as artistic techniques and conceptual approaches. With the simple act of placing two or more distinct images or objects together (sometimes jarringly so) artists can create a complex whole to address a multiplicity of meanings. Combined wood fragments, cut-and-pasted paper, seamless digital and photo-based prints comprised of disparate pictures, bronze sculptures created from discarded shoes, and contrasting clothing articles put together —these are some of the ways that contemporary artists harness a myriad of materials and methods to craft the art in this presentation. Although they may appear to be composed of “irrational” or illogical combinations, making them appear surreal or abstract, the works are formal and material experimentations as well as personal and cultural explorations. *Irrationally Speaking* demonstrates the alluring appeal of these art forms and their ability to elucidate the complexity of artistic expression, history, place, and contemporary life.

*Irrationally Speaking* includes works by Leonardo Drew, Trenton Doyle Hancock, Arturo Herrera, Thomas Hirschhorn, Ken Little, Hew Locke, Wangechi Mutu, Lorraine O’Grady, Jon Pylpchuk, Deborah Roberts, Martha Rosler, and Nancy Spero, among others.

Ruby City will celebrate the new exhibition with a walkthrough on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 2pm led by Director, Elyse A. Gonzales, followed by a reception from 3-5pm in the Sculpture Garden with music and refreshments. Beverage sponsors for the event are [Lalo Tequila](#) and [Idle Beer](#).

### **5-Year Anniversary Celebration: Dream Interpretation, Cake, Mariachis, & a Séance**

**Saturday, October 12, 2024, 4-9PM**

#### **Ruby City Campus**

Ruby City celebrates five years of exhibiting top tier contemporary art and being an architectural icon for San Antonio with a variety of programs for this celebration! Guests are welcome to join for the entire event or drop in for a portion of the offerings.

Dreams led to Linda Pace founding Ruby City and drove her artistic vision. Ruby City will partner with [Leigh Baldwin](#) to offer a dream interpretation workshop for those who might be curious about working collaboratively to bring the wisdom of their dreams to consciousness. Space will be limited for this workshop and those interested are encouraged to RSVP. The workshop will take place in Chris Park from 4-5pm.

The public is also invited to partake in a celebratory champagne toast accompanying a slice of artfully designed and baked birthday cake by local one-woman microbakery, [Geranium Club](#), while enjoying San Antonio's premier all female mariachi group, [Mariachi Damas de Jalisco](#). This will mark the group's return to Ruby City following their performance at the contemporary art center's opening in 2019. Remarks, cake, champagne toast and performance will take place in the Ruby City Plaza at 5pm.

The birthday events will conclude with a special performance by artist [Jeffrey Vallance](#). He will lead a séance in the sculpture garden where, with the help of mediums he will host a conversation between 3 deceased female artists in the Linda Pace Foundation Collection, Ruby City. This "artist spirit" panel will explore themes such as the afterlife, artistic practice, and will also offer the audience an opportunity to pose their own questions to the panel. Vallance is an American contemporary artist who lives and works in Los Angeles, California. He is best known for projects that blur the lines between object-making, installation, performance, curation and anthropological study. Performance will begin at 7pm, RSVP is recommended but not required. Participants are encouraged to bring a low lawn chair or blanket for seating in the sculpture garden.

#### **Schedule of Events:**

4pm – Dream Interpretation workshop with Leigh Baldwin in Chris Park

5pm – Remarks, cake, champagne toast & mariachi in Ruby City's Plaza

7pm- Séance with Jeffrey Vallance in Ruby City sculpture garden

#### **Dia de los Muertos Altar by Audrya Flores**

**Thursday, October 31 – Sunday, November 3, 2024**

**Reception: Friday, November 1, 2024, 4-6PM**

#### **Ruby City Plaza**

San Antonio artist [Audrya Flores](#) will create an altar in Ruby City's Plaza for Dia de los Muertos. Flores creates ephemeral sculptures and installations often using plant cuttings. She's exhibited her works locally with Sala Diaz, San Antonio River Foundation, and the City of San Antonio. Enjoy margaritas, snacks, and an opportunity to meet the artist during the Friday reception.

#### **Family Day**

**Saturday, November 9, 2024, 10AM-1PM**

#### **Ruby City Plaza, Sculpture Garden, Chris Park**

Celebrating the transformative power of contemporary art, the fourth iteration of Family Day will feature art projects inspired by Ruby City's exhibitions created by artists and community organizations. The day will also feature refreshments and performances from local youth organizations. Participating

artists and community organizations include [Brittany Ham](#), [Juan Carlos Escobedo](#), [Olivia Hinojosa](#), [Parts & Labor](#), [Spare Parts](#), [UTSA Teen Studio Intensive](#), [Alamo City Arts](#), [The AM Project](#) and [Say Sí](#).

Family Day 2024 will take place across the Ruby City campus activating the Plaza, Sculpture Garden, and Chris Park.

### **Creative Mornings at Ruby City**

**Friday, December 13, 2024, 8:30-9:30AM**

#### **Ruby City**

The early morning monthly creative meet-up will hold its December session at Ruby City. The morning will feature a speaker selected by [Creative Mornings San Antonio](#) leadership. Enjoy coffee and breakfast tacos on the Ruby City Plaza.

### **Music in the Park with KRTU**

**December 13, 2024, 7-9PM**

#### **Sculpture Garden**

Ruby City's and [KRTU](#)'s partnership continues with **Music in the Park** featuring performances from some of San Antonio's leading jazz musicians in Ruby City's Sculpture Garden. Attendees are encouraged to bring low lawn chairs and/or blankets to enjoy this outdoor event.

[Ruby City](#) is a contemporary art center in San Antonio, TX, dedicated to providing a space for the city's thriving creative community to experience works by both local and internationally acclaimed artists. Envisioned in 2007 by the late collector, philanthropist and artist [Linda Pace](#), Ruby City presents works from the Linda Pace Foundation Collection of more than 1400 paintings, sculptures, installations and video works. The building which opened in 2019 is designed by [Adjaye Associates](#) and is part of a campus, which also includes a sculpture garden, [Chris Park](#), a one-acre public green space named in memory of Pace's son, and Studio, an auxiliary exhibition space which presents curated shows and [programming](#) throughout the year. Ruby City is open Thursday through Sunday, 10am to 6pm. Admission is always free; reservations are recommended. Information and reservations are available at [www.rubycity.org](http://www.rubycity.org).

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