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## NEWS

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### MEDIA ADVISORY

## ArtWalk

March Sponsor: Ballet Abilene - Home of Abilene Ballet Theatre

*"The Art of Dance"*

**WHAT:** ArtWalk - a major program of the Center for Contemporary Arts

**WHEN:** March 8, 2007  
5:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** DOWNTOWN ABILENE

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### *Activities and Entertainment*

*Enjoy free art activities, live music, and fun for everyone –  
in downtown Abilene.*

Come to the Center for Contemporary Arts for a photo and autograph opportunity with **Princess Aurora**. You'll also see other costumes from the upcoming ballet, ***Sleeping Beauty***, presented by **Abilene Ballet Theatre**. Performances: March 24th, 8:00 p.m. and March 25th, 2:30 p.m. Call Ballet Abilene at 675-0303 for tickets or more information.

Enjoy demonstrations of **Ballroom Dancing, Latin, Swing** and **Salsa** from 6:30 to 7:30 presented by **Sophia and Richard Maryinowski** at the Center for Contemporary Arts.

See the **Abilene High Dance Team, the Eaglettes**, perform at **The Grace Museum** from 7 to 7:30. The **Eaglettes** are under the direction of **Angie Monroe**.

**Make a Dancing Puppet at The Grace Museum** to celebrate "The Art of Dance" in *Make It and Take It*, sponsored by Lydick-Hooks, Inc. *Make It and Take It* is a free, hands-on art activity for kids of all ages available from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Don't miss the **Martial Arts World Lion Dance** starting at 6:00. They will begin their exhibition at the NCCIL, 102 Cedar and progressing up Cypress to North 6th Street.

The **Abilene Public Library** will display examples of art and craftwork by the library staff in an exhibit they are calling '**Librarians Don't Read ALL the Time.**'

**The Historic Paramount Theatre, 352 Cypress St.** *A Prairie Home Companion*, 7:30 pm. This quirky piece of fiction based on the real-life radio program features a wry script penned by the show's popular host, Garrison Keillor. Rated PG-13 for adult humor. Ticket prices are \$5 for adults and \$4 for students, seniors, military and children.

**The 2nd St. Gallery** in the Cockerell Building proudly presents its first exhibition: A two-woman show by artist, **Jessica Natalee Templeton**, and internationally-renowned artist, **Gay Taylor**.

Performing for the reception during March's ArtWalk, will be fifth-grader, and violinist, **Madeleine Stokes**.

As always, **Abilene Trolley Rides** are Free for ArtWalkers!

### ***Galleries and Museums***

#### **The Center for Contemporary Arts, 220 Cypress St.**

Jane Adams Breed Gallery: *View From Here Out – Sarabeth Clevenger*  
Clevenger has been an artist member at the Center since its first years as the Artists' League of Texas and has exhibited her paintings throughout Texas and beyond. *View From Here Out* is a collection of collages, print-making and mixed media that opens March 6<sup>th</sup> and continues through April 27th.

#### *Gallery 2: Expectations of Adolescence – Blake Fitch*

Chronicling the journey from childhood to womanhood, Fitch portrays the wonderment, ideals, and special moments involved in how a girl determines what type of woman she will become. Please join us for an artist reception from 6:15-8:00 pm.

#### *Gallery 3: Visual Arts Scholastic Event: VASE*

VASE is the UIL competition equivalent for art students. The gallery will feature the winners of a recent competition. Over 120 works of art will be displayed in the gallery with over 30 of them continuing on to the State Competition.

#### *Gallery 4: The Emotions-Deborah Hammond*

*The Emotions*, by Deborah Hammond is a stunning display of portraits that immerse the viewer into the lives of her subjects. Empathy with the subject and discovery of emotion is inevitable.

Conference Room: View the work of Bill Wright's students from his trip to Afghanistan. See the beautiful work that children make on the other side of the world.

**Cockerell Galleries and Studios, 1133 N. 2nd St.**

See new pieces by artists Ash Almonte, Doug Hodel, Ronnie Tatum, and Bud Clay Thomas will be on display. Everyone will also enjoy artists Rebecca Hull and pinhole photographer Henry Morgan. Works by artist, Eyakem Gulilat, will be back on display, as well. For upcoming show information, tours, pricing, and exhibit availability, contact Carolyn Cockerell at 829-7975.

**Gallery 174 inside Civilization, 174 Cypress St.**

The grand opening of Gallery 174, an intimate gallery within Civilization, features the work of photographer **Jennifer Nichols** of Abilene, a fine art and event photographer. This exhibit highlights the study of unbroken personalities of endangered animals. Stop by from 6-7:30 to meet the artist. The exhibit will remain on display through the end of March.

**Frontier Texas!, 625 N. 1st St. - Open until 6:00 p.m.**

Meet people who played out their lives on the Texas frontier. Cutting-edge technology puts a visitor in the middle of attacks by Indians and wolves, stampeding buffalo and more!

**The Grace Museum, 102 Cypress St.**

Main Gallery: Creatures Great and Small: Folk Art from The African American Museum, Dallas - These contemporary (and primarily Texan) folk artists are self-taught intuitive people who find their own way into the making of art in an intensely personal way. This exhibition of more than 100 works by 25 artists reminds us that the work of self-taught artists continue to offer unlimited opportunities for discovery, and assures us that folk art is here to stay as a viable and influential movement.

Second Floor - Gallery A, B, and C: *Youth Art Month: A Celebration of Young Artists* - This annual event at The Grace highlights the talents of hundreds of elementary, middle and high school students from across Abilene and the Big Country. More than 600 works of art will be on display from students in Abilene and Wylie Independent School Districts and other schools across Region 14.

Third Floor - History Museum: Mallouf Boot Shop and Historic Period Rooms

**NCCIL (National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature), 102 Cedar St.** The work of Caldecott winning illustrator David Small has returned to grace the walls of the NCCIL. Come experience *A David Small World* as David shares first hand stories about his life's work during his gallery talk, which will begin at 7:00 pm. There will also be a performance of "Zap to the Past" by the Paramount Performers at 5:30 pm. Free art activities for children from 5:30 - 8:00 pm. Autograph books will be available for purchase.

**Studio Thirteen, 909 N. 13th St. - Open 7:30 - 10:30 p.m.**

Come on down to Studio Thirteen. We'll have a late night snack, talk about art, and you can see our latest work. The coolest art co-op in town!

**12th Armored Division Memorial Museum, 1289 N. 2nd St.**

Living history interpreters Tom Walke, Jason Pitcher and Alex Phillips will be talking about and showing the Willys Jeep and WWII-era Harley Davidson. This is the last ArtWalk at which to see this motorcycle. Open 5:30 to 8:00 pm. Admission is free during ArtWalk and small free gifts are available for children.

### ***Restaurants***

**The Civic Plaza Hotel, 505 Pine St.** The lobby and restaurant will be open from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

**Cypress Street Station, 158 Cypress St.** Ford Farr will exhibit his work all month.

**McKay's Bakery, 226 Cypress St.** Grab a bite to eat, and try a wide variety of treats. See artworks by Larita Gilbreth.

### ***Specialty Shops***

**Cassandra's and Company, 173 Pine St.** Nestled in the corner of this gift shop you will find a doll collection of over 550 dolls. See the dolls and purchase great gifts until 7:00 p.m.

**Civilization – A Shop of Discoveries, 174 Cypress St.** See the photographs of Jennifer Nichols and shop until 7:30 p.m.

**The Leaf, 202 Cypress St.** The Leaf features an espresso bar with hot and iced espresso beverages, Italian sodas, iced tea, and sodas; tobacco, cigars, and pipes, teas and gifts.

**Monks Coffee Shop, 233 Cypress St.** Xanadoo and Power 103 are teaming up with Monks for a live remote. There will be music and give-aways. Inside you can hear live music by **PB and J** and enjoy some of Monks signature drinks. Open mic will start at 9:00 p.m.

**Texas Star Trading Company, 326 Cypress St., at the Hotel Wooten.** Open until 7:30 p.m. during ArtWalk.

**The Warehouse in the T&P, N. 1st & Pine St.** will be open from 7:30 to midnight with live music & drink specials. 21 & up.

### ***Street Vendors***

**Dream On!** with free dream interpretations and encouraging words will be in front of Busch Jewelers. Look for David Bavousett with **Tin Shed Creations** in front of The Leaf. **Karen Woodward-Banks** and other **H&R Block** representatives will be available to answer your tax questions in **Minter Park**; also look for **Avon** representative **Rhonda Davis** and Coleman High School senior **Emma Lee Dyer**. See the varied artwork of this talented student artist.

## ***Funding and Support***

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For more information on ArtWalk, contact The Center for Contemporary Arts at 677-8389.

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