

the people's gallery

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Rebecca Bennett to be Featured at 2016 People's Gallery Exhibition at Austin City Hall

AUSTIN, TX – Local artist Rebecca Bennett will be featured at the 2016 People's Gallery exhibition, an annual, year-long visual art exhibition at Austin City Hall. The People's Gallery is a program of the City of Austin Economic Development Department/Cultural Arts Division. Now in its 12th year, the People's Gallery is designed to showcase regional artistic endeavors and to encourage public dialog, understanding, and enjoyment of visual art. An Opening Reception on Friday, February 26, 6 to 9 pm, will kick off the 2016 exhibition.

Rebecca Bennett artwork was selected for the exhibition from a pool of over 1200 entries submitted by more than 300 Austin-area artists. Rebecca's work was recommended by a jury of local art professionals. The exhibition features works on loan from over 100 artists and organizations displayed on the first three floors of City Hall.

A little about <u>Rebecca</u> <u>Rebecca Bennett Artworks</u>

Rebecca Bennett will have the following work/s in the People's Gallery exhibition:

Bits and Pieces I 2015 Inkjet printed photopaper, wood, string, acrylic on wood 36 x 36 x 3

Cluster II 2015 Injet printed photopaper and acrylic on wood 48h x 3w x 3d

"City Hall is such an architectural gem. Excited about having my work as part of this exceptional exhibit."

ARTIST CONTACT: REBECCA BENNETT <u>becky_bennett@swbell.net</u> 512 923 0158 The public is invited to meet the artists and view artworks at a free Opening Reception:

The People's Gallery 2016 Opening Reception When: Friday, February 26, 6-9 p.m. Where: Austin City Hall, 301 W. 2nd Street

The event will feature light refreshments and an acoustic guitar performance by Texas Cultural Trust Young Master Thales Smith. The reception is presented with support from Whole Foods Market, Texas Cultural Trust, and the City of Austin Small Business Program. Limited parking is available in the City Hall garage; however, visitors are encouraged to walk, bike, or use public transportation.

Visitors to City Hall can view the People's Gallery during regular building hours, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday – Friday. Admission is always free. The 2016 exhibition will remain on display through early January 2017.

About the People's Gallery: The City of Austin is proud to present the People's Gallery at City Hall. This free, annual exhibition is designed to showcase regional artists and to encourage public dialog, understanding, and enjoyment of visual art. An opening reception kicks-off the new exhibit each year in February and the exhibit remains on display for one year. For more information, visit www.tinyurl.com/peoplesgallery.

About the City of Austin Cultural Arts Division: The Cultural Arts Division of the Economic Development Department provides leadership and management for the City's cultural arts programs and for the development of arts and cultural industries. The Cultural Arts Division is responsible for the Cultural Arts Funding Programs, Art in Public Places Program, community-based arts development, and programs to assist the development of film and creative industries in Austin. For more information, visit www.austincreates.com.