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INSTITUTE OF TEXAN CULTURES WELCOMES TAICHUNG CITY DA DUN EXHIBITION

Contemporary art from Taiwan on display Jan. 16 - Feb. 28

SAN ANTONIO – The Institute of Texan Cultures will host the Taichung City Da Dun Cultural Exhibition from Jan. 16 through Feb. 28. The exhibit will showcase a selection of artworks from the Da Dun Fine Arts Festival, which is held annually in Taiwan.

The cultural exchange exhibition in San Antonio incorporates 110 art pieces, including some works of previous Da Dun prize winners and the winning pieces of this year's exhibition. Artworks from 11 categories will be displayed including crafts, sculpture, digital art, photography, printmaking, watercolor painting, oil painting, glue color painting, seal engraving, calligraphy and ink wash painting.

"It is our hope that this exhibition would open a door for the American audience to learn more about the latest artistic development in Taiwan, and that this art exhibition would stimulate great interest for both Taiwan and the U.S. to promote more frequent culture and art exchange," said Jason Hu, mayor of Taichung City.

Established in 1996 as an opportunity for Taiwanese artists to learn from one another, Taichung City's Da Dun exhibition has expanded on a global scale. Its mission is to boost the aura of artistic creation, to cultivate artistic talents and to promote artistic exchanges.

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“Da Dun” refers to Taichung city’s original name during China’s Qing Dynasty.

The city is well-known for its rich cultural and artistic environment and has earned the name "City of Culture." It was awarded the title of World’s Best Cultural and Art City by the World Leadership Forum in 2007.

In addition to introducing an American audience to the works of Taiwanese and international artists, the festival organizers hope that an exhibition in the United States would encourage participation by United States artists in future Da Dun exhibitions.

The Taichung City cultural exchange in San Antonio was co-sponsored by the East Asia Institute at UTSA, the Cultural Affairs Bureau of Taichung City and the Taipei Economic and Culture Office of Houston.

The Institute of Texan Cultures is located on the UTSA HemisFair Park Campus, 801 E. Durango Blvd., a short distance from the Alamo and the River Walk. Regular hours are 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday; noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Admission is \$8 for adults (12-64); \$7 for seniors (65+); \$6 for children (3-11); free with membership, UTSA or Alamo Colleges identification. For additional information, call (210) 458-2300 or visit TexanCultures.com.

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The Institute of Texan Cultures is an agency of the Vice President for Community Services at The University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA). The mission of the institute is to engage lifelong learners in the understanding and celebration of Texas cultural heritage. Located on the UTSA HemisFair Park Campus in downtown San Antonio, the 182,000-square-foot complex features 65,000 square feet of interactive exhibits and displays that tell the stories of Texans. The institute develops quality, accessible resources for educators and lifelong learners on topics of cultural heritage and strives to develop a rich and vibrant culture in the arts and humanities that will expand the community’s awareness and appreciation of Texas through an engaging series of exhibits, programs, and special events. Resources for multiple audiences are available at the institute’s Web site, TexanCultures.com.