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Red Block Bash Returns to UH

HOUSTON (Sept. 23, 2010) – You can't spell "party" without the "art." That's because on Thursday, Sept. 30, 4 – 7 p.m., the University of Houston's Blaffer Student Association and Cynthia Woods Mitchell Center for the Arts will host the Red Block Bash, a student-run social gathering that connects the university community to the arts on campus. The Bash offers live performances, art activities and complimentary food and drink. Admission is free for everyone, and while the event is mainly targeted toward UH students, the public is invited and encouraged to come. The Bash will take place in the Fine Arts Building courtyard and in the UH Arts Quad between the Fine Arts Building and the Moores School of Music on the University of Houston's central campus.

"The fall Red Block Bash is the Blaffer Student Association's penultimate event. With the help of the Mitchell Center, we have had all summer to plan for a terrific day, and we're hoping for a record turnout," stated BSA vice president Scarlett Taylor. "Come for the pizza and ice cream, stay for the art."

Among the events taking place during the party, attendees can enjoy performances by student band Cirrus Minor, the UH Dance Ensemble, the Moores School Jazz Trio and acoustic guitar duo Dylan Brooks and Chris Powell. Members of Glass Mountain, the undergraduate literary journal at UH, will present poetry readings in Blaffer Art Museum. Student-made videos and a film about Blaffer's award-winning Young Artist Apprenticeship Program will be screened in Dudley Recital Hall. The Bash will culminate in a raffle drawing with prizes awarded.

Throughout the festivities, guests can also participate in two art-making activities: sketching with live models and a collaborative mural. "No, the models will not be nude, and the mural creation will not involve defacing the Fine Arts Building with spray paint, but I assure you that all the activities during the Bash will be fun and inspire creativity. And some of them may even be a little off-kilter," stated BSA president Ryan Hernandez. "This is a college campus, after all," she added.

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WHAT: Red Block Bash

WHEN: 4 – 7 p.m. Sept. 30, 2010

WHERE: UH Arts Quad & the Fine Arts Building Courtyard
University of Houston's central campus
(Located on Entrance 16 by the intersection of Cullen and Elgin)
Houston, TX 77204

WHO: Blaffer Student Association and the UH Cynthia Woods Mitchell Center for the Arts

About Blaffer:

Founded in 1973, Blaffer Art Museum at the University of Houston was named in honor of the late Sarah Campbell Blaffer, a noted Houston arts patron and collector. Since its inception, the museum has been a vital force in the presentation and promotion of contemporary visual arts in Houston. Blaffer is located in the Fine Arts Building on the University of Houston's central campus, entrance 16 south of Cullen Boulevard. It is free and open to the public Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed Sundays, Mondays, university holidays and during exhibition installations (visit the website or call to confirm). The museum is ADA compliant. For general inquiries, please call 713.743.9521, or visit the museum online at www.blafferartmuseum.org.

About the Mitchell Center:

The University of Houston Cynthia Woods Mitchell Center for the Arts cultivates interdisciplinary collaboration in the performing, visual and literary arts. From its base at the University of Houston, the Mitchell Center offers public events, residencies and courses that fuse artistic disciplines, ignite dialogue and present new ways of experiencing the arts in contemporary life. The Mitchell Center forms an alliance among five units at the University of Houston: The School of Art, Creative Writing Program, Moores School of Music, School of Theatre & Dance, and Blaffer Art Museum at the University of Houston. For general inquiries, please call 713.743.5548, or visit the Mitchell Center online at www.mitchellcenterforarts.org.

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