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**The Contemporary Arts Museum Houston presents work by Houston-area teens in *Perspectives 165: Contents Under Pressure***

Opening reception: Thursday, February 26, 2009, 6:30-9:00 PM

On view: February 27-May 10, 2009



Condello Botello, *Cultural Pressure*, 2008.  
Courtesy the artist

Houston, TX—The Contemporary Arts Museum Houston’s Teen Council presents their sixth exhibition of work by Houston-area teens titled *Perspectives 165: Contents Under Pressure*. Tasked with openly interpreting the exhibition theme of containers and containment, more than forty teen-aged artists are represented with works ranging from photography and painting to sculpture and video.

Artists such as Corrin Barnes, Michelle de Villalobos, Alex Goss, Nick Hargrave, Mae Nasser, and Eliseo Orta used photography to depict their version of containment. The young woman in Corrin Barnes’s photograph *Stressed* pours a

pitcher of water over her head seemingly to cool herself off. Alex Goss's portraits obscure the subject's face using materials such as balloons, bandages, filters, and plastic as adornment. Anthony Hurlburt's richly textured painting *Bound Paprika Seeds* incorporates seed pods, wire, and modeling paste. Randy Palmer's *Amber Nike Container of Dreams* alters the popular fitness shoe from fashion into sculpture. Masiel Cruz, Ashley Gonzalez, Erica Hernandez, and Gabriela Rodriguez—students from the same high school—worked collaboratively to create a dilapidated home titled *Ike's Leftovers* using twigs, roof shingle, and tape, among others.

Artist Dario Robleto was chosen to jury the show, which received almost 300 submissions. "It was very difficult to narrow down the list," said Robleto. "Their creativity in interpreting the theme was impressive. The work highlighted the broad range of perspectives represented, and I'm happy that the artists have the opportunity to show the work in a museum environment."

### **About CAMH's Teen Council**

The Contemporary Arts Museum's Teen Council is a group of motivated young people employed by the Museum, who meet regularly to create programming and events geared to their peers. The current Teen Council is made up of nineteen members who represent thirteen different schools, both public and private. Interested teens (aged 14-19) can apply online at [www.camh.org](http://www.camh.org).

### **ARTISTS IN THE EXHIBITION**

Ashley Aleman	Ashley Gonzalez	Randy Palmer
Hannah Bailey	Steve Gonzalez	Elizabeth Pawelek
Corrin Barnes	Alex Goss	Alec Robertson
Condello Botello	Kennon Haley	Gabriela Rodriguez
Mary Brossman	Nick Hargrave	Emily Roff
Charlee Nicole Brown	Erika Hernandez	Sam Rayburn High
Bella Bruk	Anthony Hurlburt	School artists
Pam Cantu	Alissa Keselman	Alex Sambrano
Masiel Cruz	Catherine Kochman	Michelle de Villalobos
Tommy Das	Alvaro Lopez	Ariel Weaver
Alex Diaz	Julia Martinez	Audra Weiskopf
Brittany Ellis	Meg McCall	Robert Williams
Jane Foreman	Krista Mohn	Jessica Wilson
Luis Garza	Mae Nasser	
Kourtney Gerald	Eliseo Orta	

## **PUBLIC PROGRAMS**

All the following events are free and open to the public, and take place at the Contemporary Arts Museum Houston unless otherwise noted. Please check [www.camh.org](http://www.camh.org) for additional programming and information.

### **Opening reception: *Perspectives 165: Contents Under Pressure***

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6:30 PM: Gallery walkthrough with Teen Council members

7:00-9:00 PM: Opening reception

### **Pomegranate Film Festival**

Thursday, March 12, 7:30 PM

Join us for an outdoor screening of short films by Houston teens.

### **Teen Fashion Show**

Thursday, April 2, 6:30 p.m.

Back by popular demand! CAMH's outdoor terrace becomes a fashion runway featuring designs by Houston teens.

## **PUBLICATION**

*Perspectives 165: Contents Under Pressure* is accompanied by an illustrated catalogue. Available in The Museum Store at the Contemporary Arts Museum Houston.

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## **CAMH MISSION**

The Contemporary Arts Museum Houston is an idea and a place shaped by the present moment. The Museum exemplifies the dynamic relationship between contemporary art and contemporary society through its exhibitions, public and educational programs, and publications. The CAMH provides the physical and intellectual framework essential to the presentation, interpretation, and advancement of contemporary art; it is a vibrant forum for artists and all audiences, and for critical, scholarly, and public discourse.

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## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Contemporary Arts Museum Houston is located at 5216 Montrose Boulevard, at the corner of Montrose and Bissonnet, in the heart of Houston's Museum District. Hours are Tuesday to Saturday, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Thursdays to 9:00 PM, and Sundays noon to 5:00 PM. Admission is always free. For more information, visit [www.camh.org](http://www.camh.org) or call (713) 284-8250.

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