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# **Imagination Festival Art Show at Twinhouse Gallery**

Featuring renowned artists Sal Brownfield and Todd Murphy, exhibition focuses on symbolism, mythology, nature and iconography.

Atlanta, GA – As part of the Mythic Journeys 2006 conference and performance festival, the Mythic Imagination Institute announces the Imagination Festival Art Show, featuring the work of renowned artists Sal Brownfield and Todd Murphy. The art show will be on exhibit at Atlanta's Twinhouse Gallery at 2815 Peachtree Road from Saturday, June 3, 2006, through Sunday, June 18, 2006. The Grand Opening is scheduled for Saturday June 3 at 6:30 p.m.

Brownfield presents a diverse slate of paintings for this show, representing different creation mythologies as they relate to the oceans.

"In the end, the question about any art is simply 'Why should we look at it? What is it for?"" Brownfield says. "For me it is about verification of our common experiences. Art is healing, non-clinical, spiritual. It provides balance and reflection in a time when we are inundated with snap images. My intention is that my work will have an impact on improving lives and our relationships with one another."

Murphy, an Atlanta resident and University of Georgia graduate, is an internationally recognized artist. His work has appeared in museums and galleries all over the world including Atlanta's High Museum of Art, the Seoul Metropolitan Museum of Art in Seoul, Korea, and the New Orleans Museum of Art.

For the Imagination Festival Art Show, Murphy presents several diorama-type works in photography, tar and plexiglass. Reminiscent of the Museum of Natural History "gone wrong," Murphy's pieces play with human perceptions of the natural world, cultural presentation of nature, twisted nostalgia, and instantly create a sense of wandering into an interrupted story.

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Art is at the core of human experiences, transcending verbal communication on elemental subjects. The Imagination Festival Art Show augments the verbal tradition of storytelling with iconology, symbolism, and visual-archetypal imagery.

Traditional storytelling will accompany the show. The storytelling roster is to be announced.

The Imagination Festival Art Show will compliment the second Mythic Journeys conference and performance festival June 7-11 at the Atlanta Hyatt Regency Hotel.

The latter will bring together more than 100 of the world's leading scholars, psychologists, educators, business leaders, authors, artists, filmmakers and performers for an unprecedented dialogue on the importance of storytelling in contemporary life. The first Mythic Journeys was held in June 2004 in celebration of the Joseph Campbell Centennial.

To find out more about both the Imagination Festival Art Show and Mythic Journeys 2006, visit www.mythicjourneys.org or call (404) 832-4127.

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### About the Mythic Imagination Institute

**Mythic Imagination Institute** is an Atlanta-based nonprofit arts and education corporation that seeks to activate imagination and intelligence by increasing mythic literacy. Through conferences, performances, art exhibitions, publications and other programs, the Institute builds bridges between disciplines: artists, business professionals, scholars, scientists and anyone who loves stories. Mythic Imagination endeavors to bring the wisdom waiting inside the great myths, folklore and stories of the world to a wider audience in the hope of creating a world with more tolerance, passion, wonder and creativity. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.mythicimagination.org">www.mythicimagination.org</a>.

#### Twinhouse Location

The Twinhouse Gallery is located at 2815 Peachtree Road, Atlanta, GA 30305.

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