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Sunday, April 17, 2016, 12PM-4PM

Silver Street Studios, Houston, Texas

HOUSTON, TEXAS - FEBRUARY 3, 2016 – FotoFest International’s in-school and community education program, **Literacy Through Photography**, will host **FotoFun Family Day** to engage youth and families in the community during the **FotoFest 2016 Biennial of Photography and New Media Art**. This **free** day of creative fun will take place Sunday, April 17, from noon until 4pm, in FotoFest’s **Silver Street Studios** exhibition space, located at 2000 Edwards Street, Houston, TX, 77007.

Taking place just a few days before Earth Day, this festive event of art and learning will feature **a full, diverse menu of activities enabling visitors of all ages to create original works of art while exploring their relationship to the natural world**: visitors will **make art from recyclables with FotoFest and The Texan French Alliance for the Arts**;

Writespace will host children's book readings from authors inspired by the Earth; **Edible Earth Resources will showcase edible gardening techniques**, including how visitors can plant seeds of their own; the **Texas Wildlife Rehabilitation Coalition will have friendly Texas animals** for visitors to meet; other activity partners include **Artist Boat, The Buffalo Bayou Partnership, The Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, The Houston Museum of Natural Science, The Partnership for the Advancement and Immersion of Refugees (PAIR Houston), and Young Audiences of Houston.**

Along with these exciting activities, visitors may enjoy free refreshments, dance to the tunes of a live DJ, meet amazing **giant puppets created by Puppet Pizzazz**, and explore the photographic art of the FotoFest 2016 Biennial.

The FotoFest 2016 Biennial, entitled **CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES: Looking at the Future of the Planet**, is focused on humanity's relationship with the changing planet. The Biennial features a series of visual art exhibitions, videos, films, books and educational programs with **over 30 leading international artists, scholars, and environmental experts.**

FotoFun Family Day invites Houston area youth and families to engage with these powerful ideas in a creative, empowering, and fun environment.

FOTOFEST 2016 BIENNIAL SCHOOL CURRICULUM AND EXHIBITION TOURS

For each FotoFest Biennial, Literacy Through Photography develops **specialized educational resources including a school curriculum** that provides educators with tools for bringing the art and ideas of each Biennial into the classroom. The 2016 Biennial curriculum has been developed with Galveston's Artist Boat. Entitled **CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES: Through the Lens of the Gulf of Mexico**, it uses the Gulf as a case-study for exploring climate change, the globalization of natural resources, and the ecological impacts of new technologies including plastics and deep water oil exploration. **This free educational resource is available for download at <http://tinyurl.com/FotoFest2016>.**

Literacy Through Photography also hosts **free educational tours** of the FotoFest Biennial exhibitions for school and community groups of all ages and subject areas. To learn more about this opportunity, please contact Literacy Through Photography Outreach Coordinator Chelsea Shannon at ltp2@fotofest.org, via phone at 713.223.5522 x12, or via our online tour request form, <http://tinyurl.com/LTPtours>.

LITERACY THROUGH PHOTOGRAPHY

For the past 25 years, FotoFest's Literacy Through Photography program has provided thousands of hours of project-based learning experiences using the arts, specifically photography and visual literacy, as a catalyst for student engagement.

You can learn more about Literacy Through Photography and all of our programs as we celebrate our **25th year** of serving Houston area students on our website, **www.literacythroughphotography.org**.

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