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Di Rosa Hires Curator Robert Wuilfe

NAPA, CA – July 1 2010. The Board of Directors of di Rosa is happy to announce the appointment of Robert Wuilfe as Curator of the renowned di Rosa collection and Gatehouse Gallery. Wuilfe comes to di Rosa from the Philadelphia Society for the Preservation of Landmarks, where he was founding curator and artistic director of Landmarks Contemporary Projects, a critically acclaimed interdisciplinary program of exhibitions, screenings, lectures, performances and education that brings contemporary art and culture into historic sites. Under his leadership, the program had a strong focus on new commissions of site-specific work—such as installations, film/video, and performance—from many artists in the Philadelphia region.



Executive Director Kathryn Reasoner states, "We are overjoyed that Robert will be bringing such a lively outlook to di Rosa along with a rich background of working with artists in developing new work. Robert shares our dedication to supporting regional artists and fostering a dialogue between the collection and our community."

Wuilfe received his M.A. in Curatorial Practice and Visual Culture from Skidmore College and recently completed the Whitney Museum Independent Study Program (ISP) as a Curatorial Fellow. At the ISP, he co-curated the ambitious

group exhibition *Undercurrents: Experimental Ecosystems in Recent Art*, which took place at multiple New York City sites including The Kitchen, the Little Red Lighthouse and The High Line. In Philadelphia, Wuilfe has been an active part of the arts community for almost a decade, having previously worked with Philagrafika, collaborated with the experimental music organization Bowerbird, and participated on various arts committees. He has also regularly guest lectured studio and curatorial students for institutions such as Rutgers University, Moore College of Art & Design and Maryland Institute College of Art.

About his new position, Wuilfe says, "I feel privileged to join the di Rosa team at such an exciting time, and look forward to working with them to develop a discursive exhibitions program that engages the immediate community and the greater world around us. The collection—with a wealth of art that is unconventional, political and socially conscious—provides an ideal conceptual and historical starting point for exploring today's critical artistic practices. I am particularly excited by di Rosa's history of actively seeking out new creative voices and providing challenging opportunities for regional artists."

As full time Curator at di Rosa, Wuilfe will produce exhibitions and programs celebrating the art and artists of Northern California as well as manage the di Rosa collection of over 1,900 sculptures, paintings, drawings, photographs, and mixed media. He will continue guiding the development and care of the permanent collection, work begun by Michael Schwager, who is Gallery Director and Professor of Art History at Sonoma State University and served as Consulting Curator at di Rosa from 2003-2009.

Wuilfe will be relocating to the Bay Area in August with his wife Michelle Wilson, an interdisciplinary artist whose work focuses on social and environmental issues.

ABOUT THE DI ROSA

Located on 217 extraordinarily beautiful acres in the Carneros Region of southern Napa Valley, di Rosa is a place that provokes the imagination and artistic spirit of our time in an extraordinary landscape through celebration of the art and artists of the Bay Area. The renowned di Rosa collection covers more than half a century of work from many noted and distinguished artists, attracting thousands of visitors annually for exhibitions, tours, lectures, and family events.

CURRENT EXHIBITION:

Deborah Oropallo: POMP

June 26th to September 18th, 2010

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