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WADE WILSON ART HOUSTON ANNOUNCES PREVIEW EXHIBITION FEATURING WORKS BY JUSTIN GARCIA AND WINSTON LEE MASCARENHAS

(HOUSTON, July 2012; source: Juice Consulting LLC) – Wade Wilson Art Houston is pleased to announce a joint exhibition featuring new and recent works by **Justin Garcia** and **Winston Lee Mascarenhas**. Both artists explore the translucent and the illuminated, along with depths of color through various techniques. **Wade Wilson Art Houston** and the new exhibition are in collaboration with **ArtHouston**, a celebration of new and established artists shown in galleries across the city. The **opening reception** will take place on **Thursday, July 12, 2012** from **6 - 8 p.m.** and will remain on view through **Saturday, August 18, 2012**. Wade Wilson Art is located at 4411 Montrose Blvd. Suite 200, Houston, Texas, 77006.

JUSTIN GARCIA

A native Houstonian, Justin Garcia has been involved in the art world for most of his life. As a very young child, Justin discovered how much he loved to create. Life circumstances caused him to become extremely independent early on, urging him to funnel his creativity into business, where he began painting murals for clients at the young age of twelve. With tremendous ambition and talent, he has studied and performed many techniques to develop a signature style that gained the attention and

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appreciation of art collectors, media and a variety of individuals. His work incorporates mixed media of oils, acrylics and compound texture on canvas. Color draws us into Garcia's paintings, where he invites the viewer to embark on a visual journey launched by his unwavering focus on color and its light-filled and responsive properties. This tour beckons us to delve into a deeper experience as the journey uncovers layers of color and light. Starting with color, we begin to look – in a committed way.

“Art is an expression of the mind's endless creativity and is a doorway to everything that we are a part of,” states Garcia. “My work is the continual study of a simple question, ‘Why?’ Through art, I strive to capture the emotion with color, shape and form to study mankind's intricate connectivity to life's experiences that define their character. In this act, my art becomes a doorway for translating this connection.

I like to observe viewers as they interpret the artwork and explore their thoughts by reaching into the realm of what they feel. At that moment, you can see the art transform into a conduit for all things the viewer cannot adequately describe in words. Art is meant to be different for everyone. It is meant to be felt, to move you, to make you feel life.”

WINSTON LEE MASCARENHAS

Dallas based artist Winston Lee Mascarenhas uses wax mixed with resin to create three-dimensional compositions that combine the mediums of collage, painting and drawing. Layers of semi-translucent portions lead the eye into the painting while obscuring the forms within the work. Through the use of encaustic, the work implies time and fits with the emphasis of process.

“Lately my work has revealed an ethos/pathos swing: methodical, repetitive and precise versus intuitive, chaotic and random,” says Mascarenhas. “On the one hand, I gravitate towards linear compositions--horizontal, vertical, or grid--with an eye on the sublime Agnes Martin, and on the other, I play with the rich world of messy vibrant colors, textures and chance. Recently, I have found the clarity and order of the grid compromised by exciting textures, colors and depth--a synthesis of something new.

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I choose to work in one of the oldest known methods of painting because it best satisfies my need to explore both two- and three-dimensional concepts. For me, the work is more than an exploration of the technique, of craft. It is a vehicle for transporting one into the picture plane, while at the same time staying firmly on the satin-smooth or rough and varied surface.”

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Wade Wilson Art Houston
4411 Montrose Blvd, Ste. 200
Houston, TX 77006
Hours: Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Wade Wilson Art Santa Fe
409 Canyon Road
Santa Fe, NM 87501
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Hours: Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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