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New BAM exhibition opening this week: Travelers: Objects of Dream and Revelation **On view at BAM August 26 - December 31, 2011**

"One's destination is never a place, but a new way of seeing things." – Henry Miller

BELLEVUE, WA – The idea of travel always captures the imagination with its alluring offer of an escape from the routine and a promise of change. It encompasses both the anticipation of the journey, the "dream," and the confrontation of the reality we find, from expectation to revelation. *Travelers: Objects of Dream and Revelation*, BAM's newest exhibition, brings together nine contemporary artists who explore the ambiguous motif of travel and the objects associated with it. Featured artists include Janice Arnold, Margarita Cabrera, Marc Dombrosky, Erika Harrsch, Timothy Horn, Cal Lane, Walter Martin & Paloma Muñoz and Robb Putnam.

Mini-dioramas encapsulated in snow globes, bicycles constructed out of vinyl and foam and a life-size carriage made out of crystallized rock sugar are but a few of the pieces selected for *Travelers*. "While each of the works in the exhibition is loosely associated with travel, they also become a point of departure for a larger investigation," says Director of Curatorial Affairs/Artistic Director and curator of the exhibition, Stefano Catalani.

The works presented in *Travelers* emphasize the thriving presence in contemporary art of the surreal object. "Familiar icons like the VW Beetle or a snow globe are transformed into sculptural works and installations that tell stories that are unexpected and revelatory."

Museum members are invited to join the opening celebration of *Travelers* on Thursday, August 25 from 6 to 9pm. First Look, BAM's members-only preview gallery tour, is held on August 26 at 10am right before the exhibit officially opens to the public. *Travelers: Objects of Dream and Revelation* will run through December 31, 2011.

Organized by Bellevue Arts Museum, curated by Stefano Catalani. Made possible by The Benaroya Company, Paul G. Allen Family Foundation, ArtsFund and the City of Bellevue Arts Program.

RELATED PROGRAMS

Members Only Artist Talk featuring Timothy Horn | August 25, 5 - 6pm

Members Reception | August 25, 6 - 9pm

Members Only First Look | August 26, 10 - 11am

Breakfast with BAM: Travelers | August 26, 11am - 12pm

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ABOUT BELLEVUE ARTS MUSEUM

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