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'40 DAYS AND 40 NIGHTS: THE ARTISTIC RESILIENCY OF LOUISIANA'
EXHIBIT AT LOUISIANA STATE ARCHIVES

Secretary of State Jay Dardenne is announcing the exhibit "40 Days and 40 Nights: The Artistic Resiliency of Louisiana" opening on Saturday, Aug. 9 at 6 p.m. at the Louisiana State Archives. The exhibit tells the story of communities rebuilding after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, told through the eyes, hearts and souls of Louisiana artisans.

The exhibit includes the artistic disciplines of photography, film, video, painting, illustration, clay art, tapestry, glass, jewelry, literature, poetry, theater and music. Some of the most respected artists and curators in southern Louisiana will develop their disciplines for the show, bringing together some of the most promising artists of our generation, most of whom were affected by the storms.

The project is a result of a lecture and slideshow by photographer Donn Young who has documented the restoration of the Gulf South. Among the artists and curators who are assembling the exhibit are: Christopher Chambers, Saskia Ozols Eubanks, Anne-Liese Fox, John Lawrence, Patty Lee, Owen Murphy, Victoria Ryan, Armand St. Martin and Young.

The Louisiana State University Hill Memorial Library, Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, Mercy Corps and the Arkansas Baptist Builders are partners with the Secretary of State's Office for the exhibit.

The exhibit will be open at the Louisiana State Archives at 3851 Essen Lane in Baton Rouge through Tuesday, Sept. 30. The public is invited to view the exhibit during regular Archives hours: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free and the building is wheelchair accessible.

For more information about the Louisiana State Archives, visit our Web site at www.sos.louisiana.gov/archives. For more information about the "40 Days and 40 Nights: The Artistic Resiliency of Louisiana" exhibit, visit its Web site at www.40daysand40nights.us.

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