

## Acadiana Center for the Arts Hosts Large Group Exhibition Featuring Artworks from Local & Regional Artists in Dialogue with the Poetry of Former Louisiana Poet Laureate



### Megan's Guitar

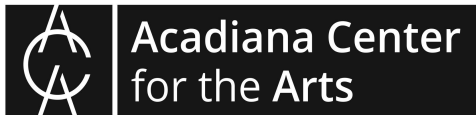
for Megan Barra  
after her textile  
*Woman with Guitar*

You've curved nearly every line  
in this piece you've made because  
You live inside a curved world.  
Within the frame you've silked a guitar  
& its bifurcation holds us to your intent:  
one half of the guitar holds red dragon songs,  
jazz contusions, anthems & honky tonk tales;  
the other half those delta blues &  
spirituals & songs to go to sleep in.  
In your hand nothing is clutter &  
you have stitched places where wide pockets  
of silence can reside side by side  
with desire, what your ribs feel when  
you think your heart will burst finally  
& for good. The frets you've left  
mostly outside the frame for us  
to imagine. You are generous that way,  
giving us a place to fix our fingers,  
to move & press & make a music  
given us by all these fans & the winds  
bright brocade & shantung bring us to.

Featured Artwork: Megan Barra, *Woman with Guitar* | Featured Poem: *Megan's Guitar*, Darrell Bourque

**LAFAYETTE, LA - February 1, 2024** - Acadiana Center for the Arts announces its next main gallery exhibition *IN MEDIAS RES: How One Story Becomes Another*—a group exhibition featuring artworks from local and regional artists in dialogue with the poetry of former Louisiana poet laureate **Darrell Bourque**.

This exhibition is presented by Dr. Mary B. Neiheisel and opens Saturday, February 10, 2024. *IN MEDIAS RES* will be on view in the Main Gallery at AcA through Saturday, May 11, 2024. Please join us for the opening reception on Saturday, February 10th from 12-5pm during "EarlyWalk" (Early Second Saturday ArtWalk).



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Featured artists include **Megan Barra, Karen Bourque, Leroy Evans, Gloria Fiero, Meghan Fleming, Lynda Frese, John Geldersma, Bill Gingles, Danny Girouard, Terry Clay Girouard, Philip Gould, Kelly Guidry, John Hathorn, James Hebert, William Lewis, Elemore Morgan Jr., Nicole Bourque-Reiss, Gabrielle Savoy, Tanya Nehrbass Schultze, Will Turley, Russell Whiting, & Dennis Paul Williams.**

In this exhibition, viewers will encounter artworks of which Bourque has engaged during his daily writing processes and in his significant body of publications. Throughout his five-decade career in writing, Bourque has drawn inspiration from artists and artworks, which he explores through his poetry. The exhibition features artworks paired with Bourque's writing. Visitors will be invited to engage and respond with varying prompts of their own, reflecting Bourque's creative practice.

Thank you to our generous exhibition Host Committee: **Barry & Caroline Ancelet, Colleen & John Chappuis, Lacie & Scott Chappuis, Dr. Ann B. Dobie, Suzanne Fredericq, Daphne & EJ Krampe, Marie Elizabeth & Noah Oliver, David Strother & Susan Daigle**

More Info: <https://acadianacenterforthearts.org/events/in-medias-res/>

#### **About AcA**

As the community leader in arts and culture, the Acadiana Center for the Arts (AcA) serves to bring elevating arts experiences to the people of Acadiana through many approaches including holding public concerts, presenting art exhibitions, providing grants to artists and cultural organizations, and bringing artists into schools across the region. AcA brings equitable access to the arts through year-round education and outreach activities and aims to build a more sustainable cultural ecosystem for future generations in Acadiana.