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***Heal the World – An Installation for PEACE***

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Public Viewing: Friday, April 19 and Saturday, April 20 – 12:00 to 5:00 pm

**Deborah Colton Gallery** presents *Heal the World - An Installation for PEACE* for a special two-day exhibition event in conjunction with HAGA - The Houston Art Gallery Association's "Spring Celebration 2024" which takes place on Friday and Saturday, April 19 and 20, from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. ([www.artgallerieshouston.com/spring-celebration-2024](http://www.artgallerieshouston.com/spring-celebration-2024))

As the late artist, Ultra Violet, stated at Deborah Colton Gallery in 2005, "artists have are the antennas of society, and they look at what is around them and try to make a positive difference to help the future be more positive through their art". Certainly, many of the great inspired artists have done this either through their music or their visual art.

The title of this special exhibition is taken from Michael Jackson's 1992, "Heal the World" that his lyrics, the music, and the accompanying music video of this song revealed Jackson's sensitivity on the impact war had on children and, idealistically, the positive impact children could have to set an example on what values should be important in life.

Also featured in this exhibit is Yoko Ono's important IMAGINE PEACE billboard that Deborah Colton had sponsored twice on a major commercial billboard going into downtown Houston, and the still-framed photographs and videos created by Jonas Mekas of John and Yoko's hope for peace with their Bed-In for Peace in 1969, plus Ultra Violet's angel's and her vision on LIGHT, and a short video with a casual tour by Deborah Colton in 2005 showing the creation of the Michael Somoroff's *Illumination* sculpture that was placed on the grounds of the Rothko Chapel.... a place for international peace and respect for worldwide humanity.

"We need to think about the children .... We can learn a great deal from their innocence. It's tragic that some people lose their "love for all" that should exist regardless of race, religion, or politics ....and they focus instead on their own only their beliefs or gaining territory, money, and power. We can do better than this".

IMAGINE PEACE buttons and posters will be available, as will Ultra Violet's book "Famous for 15 Minutes". This is a special two-day exhibition during the Houston Art Gallery Association (HAGA) Gallery Weekend at Deborah Colton Gallery's 2445 North Boulevard location. Also on view is Daniel Johnston's *Duck Wars* at the Deborah Colton Gallery Annex at the same campus.

**Deborah Colton Gallery** is founded on being an innovative showcase for ongoing presentation and promotion of strong historical and visionary contemporary artists world-wide, whose diverse practices include painting, works on paper, sculpture, video, photography, performance, conceptual future media and public space installations. With its first commercial exhibition space in Houston, the gallery has always aspired to provide a forum for the artists to help make positive change.