



## TEXAS' CELEBRATED HOTEL ZAZA ANNOUNCES A NEW ART SERIES

**DALLAS, Texas (September 2014)** - Hotel ZaZa, Texas' fashionable boutique hotel brand, will launch a new art series at [Hotel ZaZa Dallas](#) on Oct. 22, 2014. The Hotel ZaZa Art Series will kick off with work from Jonas Mekas, Founder of Anthology Films in New York, a filmmaker, poet, writer and artist, which will be on display at the [Stay ZaZa Art House & Social Gallery](#).

At 91 years old, Mekas is referred to as the “godfather of American avant-garde cinema.” His work has captured some of the most fascinating and memorable moments in American History, such as the Kennedy’s, Warhol, Yoko Ono and John Lennon, Elvis Presley, the World Trade Center, to the more personal and special moments of nature, his family, being human and celebrating life. Mekas also has published more than 20 books of prose and poetry, which have been translated into over a dozen languages.

Mekas has received numerous grants and awards, including from the New York State Council on the Arts, the Rockefeller Foundation, the National Endowment for the Arts, Albright Knox Gallery, and the Long Wharf Theater Foundation, and is a member of the American Center of P.E.N and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Learn more about Mekas life and art on his website here: <http://jonasmekas.com/bio.php>.

Art is a top focus and main inspiration for the Hotel ZaZa brand, as displayed throughout every space in the hotel. Hotel ZaZa Dallas will host new art installations every couple of months at the Stay ZaZa Art House & Social Gallery, in conjunction with art series partner and curator **Deborah Colton**. Artists to be featured following Mekas include Oleg Dou, the Russian artist whose alluring photographs of human faces manipulated with computer software have earned him international awards, and master painter Lowell Boyers, the Yale University MFA and Rhode Island School of Design graduate whose creative paintings with a spiritual nature have been included in both private and institutional exhibitions throughout the world.



*Jonas Mekas  
Warhol at the opening of his show, Whitney Museum, May 1, 1971  
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## **ABOUT HOTEL ZAZA**

Hotel ZaZa is an innovative leader in hospitality with properties in Dallas and Houston. The brand blends the best of business travel with the luxury and sensuality of a destination urban resort. The Hotel ZaZa concept offers a unique, soulful experience differentiating the brand from other hotels in Texas and on a national scale. Hotel ZaZa properties are known for their unexpected, elegant accommodations, thought-provoking art and extraordinary meeting and event spaces. Along with their ZaSpa concept, signature restaurants helmed by lauded chefs and Poolside experience, the hotels are an unexpected feast for the senses that exceed all expectations with their whimsical imagination and friendly atmospheres. [www.hotelzaza.com](http://www.hotelzaza.com)

## **ABOUT STAY ZAZA ART HOUSE & SOCIAL GALLERY**

Stay ZaZa Art House & Social Gallery is an imaginative Dallas event venue for private dining, social events, and art exhibitions. From chic fashion installations and runway shows, to photography, painting, sculpture and one-of-a-kind seminars, the possibilities for this unique backdrop are virtually endless. Ideal for large and small events, the Stay ZaZa Art House features catering by Dragonfly: A Modern American Kitchen.

## **ABOUT DEBORAH COLTON**

Deborah Colton is a patron of both the visual and performing arts in the United States and internationally, having served as a Board Member of Exit Art and the Advisory Board of Artadia, (both in NYC)... and has been a Board Member of the Dallas McKinney Art Contemporary (MAC) since 2007. Deborah has also Chaired and been actively involved in numerous fundraisers in the arts including the Dominic Walsh Dance Theater, Fodice Foundation in Houston, Exit Art in NYC and for Catherine D. Ansporn's "Texas Artists Today" Book. In Dallas, Deborah has supported the Dallas Art Fair all six years by exhibiting there and also served on their Advisory Board in the Fair's beginnings. She has also supported many institutions, including the Crow Collection of Asian Art and the Dallas Symphony since her daughter, Elizabeth, was a 2013 Dallas Symphony Debutante. Deborah's husband, William Colton, is the Vice President of Corporate Strategic Planning in ExxonMobil's executive headquarters in Los Colinas. As a patron of the Arts in Texas, this year she also has served as the Chair of the Houston Fine Arts Fair.

In 1998 while living in Asia, Deborah started Deborah Colton Gallery, an international contemporary fine arts gallery, with the vision that art can make a positive difference in the world. Deborah Colton Gallery has sponsored numerous exhibitions that featured artists from Asia, the Middle East – Arab world, Russia, Canada, Latin America and Europe, with the goal of encouraging more world understanding and cross cultural exchange through the arts. Deborah Colton is also the Co-Founder of OUTPOST NYC DCG, the Deborah Colton Gallery virtual arts initiative.

Deborah Colton has received numerous nominations and awards including various Who's Who and the YWCA Women in Leadership, Texas Women of the Arts Award.

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