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MUSIC MEETS MODERNISM AT THE MCNAY

Bett Butler & Joël Dilley bring their chamber jazz quartet for an in-gallery performance accompanying the exhibit *From Monet to Matisse: A Century of French Moderns*

SAN ANTONIO, TX: Sunday, March 26, 2:00-3:00 pm, the McNay Art Museum

(<http://www.mcnayart.org/>) presents **Bett Butler** and **Joël Dilley's** chamber jazz quartet performing original and improvised music selected in response to the current exhibit *From Monet to Matisse: A Century of French Moderns*. The in-gallery performance features saxophonist **Rene Saenz** and drummer **Johnathan Alexander**.

Award-winning bassist/composer Dilley and singer/songwriter pianist Butler are no strangers to the synchrony of sight and sound, frequently drawing upon visual art for inspiration, as evidenced by Dilley's recent album *Mandala Meditation Series: Monet's Garden* and Butler's ode to Gabriele Münter, "For Gabriele" from *Myths & Fables*. The chamber jazz concert includes new compositions "Puente Olvidado," "When I Talk to the Stars," and "Who Knows," along with "Scattered Shadows" and "Luz de la Luna" from Dilley's album *A New World* and "Shine" from their latest release *Winter Lullaby: Songs for the Christmas Child*.

Said Butler: "We share a deep connection with visual artists of this era, who spoke often about their attempts to capture the moment. Gabriele Münter likened painting to jumping into deep water, not knowing if she'd be able to swim—something jazz musicians experience every time we sit down to play. We are thrilled by the opportunity to play music in a space shared with these wondrous works—made sacred by their beauty, humanity, and endurance—that speak to us so eloquently about an era of great change and upheaval, much like our own."

Bett Butler (www.bettbutler.com) and bassist/ composer/ producer **Joël Dilley** (www.joeldilley.com)—co-founders of indie label **Dragon Lady Records** (www.dragonladyrecords.com)—own **Mandala Music Production**, where they play fetch with their boxer Mingus and create tracks licensed for use on HBO, Discovery Channel, Food Network, Cooking, Travel, and Playboy Channels, and more. The first married couple to receive individual awards from the **San Antonio Artist Foundation**, they received national recognition as first-place winners in the **International Songwriting Competition** and **Independent Music Awards**. Wrote Hector Saldaña of the *San Antonio Express-News*: "This talented married couple practically read each other's minds at this stage of their tasteful musical partnership, which only means the surprises at these intimate shows are conveyed by a nod or a wink or a slight breath between the two. Their musical output has been especially superb of late.... A joy to discover—and rediscover."

Who: The Bett Butler / Joël Dilley Quartet

What: Music Meets Modernism, a Chamber Jazz Concert
accompanying *From Monet to Matisse: A Century of French Moderns*

When: Sunday, March 26, 2:00-3:00 pm

Where: McNay Art Museum, 6000 North New Braunfels Avenue, San Antonio, TX 78209

Tickets: Free with museum admission

Hi-res photos available for download at http://www.mandalamusic.com/bett/press_kit.html

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