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Houston Artist Lectures on Revitalization

As a follow up to the screening of the *Third Ward, TX* that the UrbanArt Commission held in early April, the organization is hosting a discussion with the Project-Row Houses' founder, Rick Lowe. The talk, to be held at 6:30 PM on May 8th in the Memphis College of Art's Callicott Auditorium, will cover how the program was conceived and its affects on the surrounding community.

Rick Lowe, an artist based out of Houston, established the Project-Row Houses program on the principle that art and the community creating it can "revitalize even the most depressed inner-city neighborhoods, for the mutual good of existing and future residents." The program, therefore, was designed to create a sense of community through art, culture, and history in the Houston, TX Third Ward neighborhood.

This lecture will be held as part of the UAC's Arts Build Communities Grant through ArtsMemphis. The UAC was established in 1997 through the collaborative efforts of the Memphis Arts Council and the Shelby County Government. The mission of the UrbanArt Commission is to create a dynamic, vibrant, nurturing community through art and design. The UAC is funded in part by the Greater Memphis Arts Council, Tennessee Arts Commission and the Hyde Foundation.