

# The 24 Hour Roman Reconstruction Project, or, Building Rome in a Day @ Arthouse at the Jones Center

A participatory performance work organized by Liz Glynn and executed by a coalition of the willing  
MIDNIGHT FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH - MIDNIGHT SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH, 2009

On September 25-26th, you are invited to join Los Angeles-based artist Liz Glynn and an army of fellow volunteers to build Rome—in a day—at Arthouse. Beginning with the thatched hut of Romulus in 753 B.C.E. and culminating in the Visigoths' sacking of Rome in 410 A.D., we will recreate the ancient capital in historical order with salvaged building materials and scrap cardboard. This will be the largest Roman Reconstruction Project to date; it's not just a model, it's Texas-sized. It's a Herculean task, and we can't do it without you.

The event begins with pagan revelries, seven empty hills, and a spotty architectural record. Over the course of twenty-four hours, invasions, fires, and ideological sea changes interrupt periods of frenzied construction, as 1163 years of history are crammed into roughly three thousand square feet of floor space. When the Empire falls into decline, orgiastic feasting ensues and the model will get dirty or broken.

Special guests will enact climactic moments of Roman history from the Sabines to Constantine. No Mas Bodas plays the early morning Gallic invasion. Literary readings drawn from Augustus and Vitruvius mark the height of the empire's architectural ambition. Demonstrations on Roman building techniques including concrete pouring and arch construction commemorate the Romans' engineering prowess. Classics scholars will lead walking tours through the model during the construction period. The Waco Girls play the soundtrack to mass destruction, as Rome falls at the hands of the Visigoths, and at the feet of volunteers.

**STAY UP ALL NIGHT. BUILD WITH US.**

To participate, email  
[rebuildrome@gmail.com](mailto:rebuildrome@gmail.com)  
or just show up!

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