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**EMERYVILLE CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS PRESENTS THE 28TH
ANNUAL EMERYVILLE ART EXHIBITION
OCTOBER 11 – NOVEMBER 2, 2014
Opening Reception, 6-9pm, Friday, October 10,
2014 Emeryville, CA
6121 Hollis St. Ste 900, Emeryville, CA**

Emeryville Celebration of the Arts, Inc. announces the Annual Emeryville Art Exhibition, a juried show featuring works of 117 artists and craftspeople - both established and emerging - who live or work in Emeryville. The work includes paintings, sculpture, photographs, ceramics and textiles. Now in its 28th year, the Annual Exhibition expands its celebration of the arts to include poetry readings and modern dance performances. The Exhibition is on display October 11 through November 2, 2014. The show is open daily from 11 am to 6 pm; admission is free. Each year the exhibition location is generously donated by an Emeryville business. For the 2014 location and directions, log on to: www.emeryarts.org or call 510/652-6122.

There will be a gala public reception with the artists in attendance on Friday, October 10, from 6 pm to 9 pm. Admission to the reception is free; a no-host bar will raise funds for the Emeryville Youth Art Program, and local artist Tony DeMartile will create iPhone portraits of reception attendees for a \$25 donation to benefit the non-profit Emeryville Celebration of the Arts.

The individual pieces of artwork in the Annual Emeryville Art Exhibition demonstrate the range of Emeryville artists and show their engagement with a host of aesthetic, political, and social concerns. This inclusive citywide exhibition provides the opportunity to view the work of new artists showing along with continuing artists, resulting in a uniquely 'Emeryville' experience. The 2014 Annual Emeryville Art Exhibition proudly hosts the largest collection of artwork in its 28-year history and has expanded its celebration of the arts to include poetry readings with Emeryville's Poet Laureate Sarah Kobrinsky, joined by Poets Laureate of several Bay Area cities, and a site-specific dance performance by Emeryville dance troupe Nancy Karp + Dancers. For the schedule of readings and performances visit www.emeryarts.org.

Contributing artists include Po Shun Leong and Dean Santner, wood; John W. Lund and Kirk Crippens, photography; Jeff Margolin and Rae Dunn, ceramics; Susan T. Avila and Ana Lisa Hedstrom, textiles; M. Louise Stanley and Ann Holsberry, painting; Jerome Ranft and Jeffrey Hantman, sculpture; Kazuko Watanabe and Linda Goodman, prints; and LauraLe Wunsch, furniture design. Works on exhibit are for sale.

The collection of artwork for the annual exhibition was selected by a jury of art professionals through artist studio visits. For the fourth year, independent curator and exhibition designer Kathleen Hanna is serving as curator and juror. The other 2014 jurors are Donna Seager, partner Seager Gray Gallery, Mill Valley; and Anthony Torres, Exhibitions Director and Curator of Art, Richmond Art Center.

"I was delighted to see the amazement and enthusiasm of my fellow jurors as they discovered the wealth of artistic talent in Emeryville," said Kathleen Hanna, curator and exhibition designer. "I was also excited to see new artists and fabulous new works by those with whom I was already familiar. This year's collection is larger and more diverse than ever before."

Juror Anthony Torres found the sheer magnitude of work by artists in Emeryville absolutely astonishing. "The range, quality, and dedicated practice was indeed impressive," Torres explained. "I am honored to have participated in the selection process and flattered to have been allowed to view the work of so many great artists."

"The response from artists this year was unprecedented!" said Sharon Wilchar, Exhibition Coordinator. "This is the largest show in our history, yet we realize there is also a great wealth of artists in our community that reaches beyond visual arts. There are amazing writers, dancers, performers and musicians in Emeryville. This year, in addition to the strong visual artwork, we are proud to include both a spoken word component and a dance performance choreographed specifically for our exhibition."

For the ninth consecutive year, the Emeryville City Council has approved a Purchase Award Program in connection with the Annual Emeryville Art Exhibition. A selection panel will review the works in the exhibition and make a recommendation for the Purchase Award. With the approval of the City Council, the artwork selected will become part of the City's permanent collection displayed at City Hall.

Sponsors for the 28th Annual Emeryville Art Exhibition include the City of Emeryville through a substantial grant; Pixar Animation Studios; Kava Massih Architects; Libitzky Holdings LP, Orton Development, Eric S. Schmier and Kenneth J. Schmier; and Ruby*s Cafe.

CALENDAR LISTINGS FOLLOW

CALENDAR LISTING - ART EXHIBITS:

What: Annual Emeryville Art Exhibition

-A juried show, sponsored by Emeryville Celebration of the Arts, Inc., featuring artwork created by 117 artists and craftspeople, both established and emerging, who live or work in Emeryville. The work includes paintings, sculpture, photographs, ceramics and textiles. Now in its 28th year, the Annual Exhibition expands its celebration of the arts to include poetry readings with Emeryville Poet Laureate Sarah Kobrinsky, and modern dance performances by Nancy Karp + Dancers.

When: The exhibition is open to the public daily:
11am-6pm, October 11 – November 2, 2014

Opening Reception: 6-9pm, Friday, October 10, 2014

Cost: Admission to the exhibition and opening reception is FREE

Location: 6121 Hollis St. Ste 900, Emeryville, CA
Heritage Square, next to Bucci's

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Directions/

Performance Schedule: www.emeryarts.org or call 510/652-6122

CALENDAR LISTING – ART OPENINGS/BENEFITS:

What: Annual Emeryville Art Exhibition - Opening Reception

Meet the artists and get the first look at the collection on display at the Annual Emeryville Art Exhibition - a juried show, sponsored by Emeryville Celebration of the Arts, Inc., featuring artwork created by artists and craftspeople who live or work in Emeryville.

A no-host bar will raise funds for the Emeryville Youth Art Program, which brings professional artists into Emeryville public schools.

Local artist/iPhoneographer Tony DeMartile will create iPhone portraits of reception attendees for a \$25 donation.

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Proceeds from the no-host bar benefit Emeryville Youth Art Program

Proceeds from iPhone portraits benefit Emeryville Celebration of the Arts

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CALENDAR LISTINGS FOR ANCILLARY PROGRAMS FOLLOW

CALENDAR LISTING - EVENTS/LITERARY ARTS/POETRY READINGS:

What: Poetry Readings with Sarah Kobrinsky at Annual Emeryville Art Exhibition

The Annual Emeryville Art Exhibition expands its celebration of the arts to include poetry readings with Emeryville's Poet laureate Sarah Kobrinsky. The readings will take place in the exhibition hall, amidst artwork created by 117 Emeryville artists and craftspeople who live or work in Emeryville. Along with Sarah Kobrinsky, readers include Janell Moon, former Poet Laureate of Emeryville, Sophie Elkin, Youth Poet Laureate of Oakland, Dorsetta Hale, Poet Laureate of Pacifica, Caroline Goodwin, Poet Laureate of San Mateo, Erica Goss, Poet Laureate of Los Gatos, and acclaimed poets Luke Warm Water and John Oliver Simon.

**When: 2-4pm, Sunday, October 12, 2014
6:30-8:30pm, Thursday, October 23, 2014**

Cost: Free

**Location: 6121 Hollis St. Ste 900, Emeryville, CA
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CALENDAR LISTING - EVENTS/PERFORMANCE ART/DANCE:

What: NANCY KARP + DANCERS at Annual Emeryville Art Exhibition

The Annual Emeryville Art Exhibition expands its celebration of the arts to include modern dance performances by Nancy Karp + Dancers. There will be two 20-minute site-specific performances of "Double Portraits" in the exhibition hall. The Annual Emeryville Art Exhibition features artwork created by 117 Emeryville artists and craftspeople - both established and emerging - who live or work in Emeryville. The work includes paintings, sculpture, photographs, ceramics and textiles.

**When: Two 20-minute Performances:
3pm and 4pm, Sunday, November 2, 2014**

Cost: Free

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