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EMERYVILLE CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS PRESENTS THE 29TH ANNUAL EMERYVILLE ART EXHIBITION

OCTOBER 3 – 25, 2015

Opening Reception, 6-9 pm, Friday, October 2, 2015

5745 Peladeau Street, Emeryville, CA
(South entrance on Stanford Ave)

Emeryville Celebration of the Arts, Inc. announces the Annual Emeryville Art Exhibition, a juried show featuring works of more than 100 artists and craftspeople - both established and emerging - who live or work in Emeryville. This year marks the 29th anniversary of the Exhibition showcasing an impressive and varied array of paintings, sculptures, photographs, ceramics and textile works. This year's show will again expand its celebration of the arts to include poetry readings and dance performances. The Exhibition is on display October 3 - 25, 2015. The show is open daily from 11 am to 6 pm; admission is free. Each year the exhibition location is donated by an Emeryville business. This year Grifols (a global health care company) has generously donated the space at 5745 Peladeau Street. For directions and emery-go-round stop, log on to: <http://www.emeryarts.org> or call 510/652-6122.

There will be a gala public reception with the artists in attendance on Friday, October 2, from 6 pm to 9 pm, with live music by The doRiaN Mode: Vintage Jazz & Blues. Admission to the reception is free; a no-host bar will raise funds for the Emeryville Youth Art Program.

“Every day hundreds of artists are working in Emeryville and this juried exhibition is their yearly showcase,” explains Sharon Wilchar, exhibition coordinator. “The positive transformation of our city over the past 30 years is impressive. As a player in enhancing the cultural vibrancy of our city and engaging the community through the arts, Emeryville Celebration of the Arts is proud to have been a partner in this transformation.”

Truly a collaborative effort, Emeryville Celebration of the Arts' annual exhibition is generously supported by the City of Emeryville and its business community, and depends heavily on the volunteer efforts of many including its Board of Directors, Advisory/Operating Committee members, artists, residents and numerous others who help pull together the details of the show. The exhibition represents the unique character of Emeryville, a city that is small in size but grand in the scale and spirit of its collective creativity. 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.

Along with the exciting collection of visual art, the 2015 Annual Emeryville Art Exhibition will also host poetry readings with Emeryville's Poet Laureate Sarah Kobrinsky, joined by poets Tim Donnelly, Salame Samiat, Kathleen McClung, Vernon Keeve III and others, and will culminate on the closing day with 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 Susan Scott, Jeannie O'Connor and Steven Epstein, photography; Sara Paloma, Christa Assad and Rae Dunn, ceramics; Ana Lisa Hedstrom, textiles; Teresa Kalnoskas, M. Louise Stanley and John W. Wood, painting; Joseph DiStefano, Jerome Ranft and Mark Galt, sculpture; Kazuko Watanabe and Linda Lee Boyd, prints; and Po Shun Leong and Kevin Wickham, furniture design. Works on exhibit are for sale.

A jury of art professionals selects the collection of work for the Annual Exhibition through artist studio visits. For the fifth year, independent curator and exhibition designer Kathleen Hanna is serving as curator and juror. "It is delightful to see powerful developments in the work of artists who return to the exhibition as well as the many new faces that continue to appear making each Celebration new and exciting," said Ms. Hanna of her experience as curator and exhibition designer.

The other 2015 jurors are Joe McDonald, owner, IceHouse Gallery, Petaluma; and Amina Yee, curatorial assistant, Oakland Museum of California.

"It was indeed an honor and a privilege to be invited into so many varied and interesting studios," states juror Joe MacDonald. "I was impressed with the quality of the art which made for a difficult selection process, but I believe the show itself will reflect not our hard work so much as the hard work and creativity of all of the artists in Emeryville."

"This exhibition showcases the diversity, creativity, and dedication of Emeryville artists and I am pleased that it will allow others to experience the marvelous works of this incredibly talented community," added juror Amina Yee.

Sponsors for the 29th Annual Emeryville Art Exhibition include the City of Emeryville through a substantial grant; Kava Massih Architects; Pixar Animation Studios; Libitzky Holdings LP, Orton Development, Eric S. Schmier and Kenneth J. Schmier; 4Terra Investments; Wareham Development; Madison Park and Ruby*s Cafe.

CALENDAR LISTING - ART EXHIBITS:

- What:** Annual Emeryville Art Exhibition
- A juried show, sponsored by Emeryville Celebration of the Arts, Inc., featuring artwork created by more than 100 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 29th year, the Annual Exhibition again expands its celebration of the arts to include poetry readings with Emeryville Poet Laureate Sarah Kobrinsky, and dance performances by Nancy Karp + Dancers.
- When:** The exhibition is open to the public daily:
11am-6pm, October 3 – 25, 2015
- Opening Reception:** 6-9pm, Friday, October 2, 2015
Live music by The doRiaN Mode: Vintage Jazz & Blues
- Cost:** Admission to the exhibition and opening reception is FREE
- Location:** 5745 Peladeau Street, Emeryville, CA
(South entrance on Stanford Avenue)
- Info/Directions/
Performance Schedule:** <http://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.
- Enjoy live music provided by The doRiaN Mode: Vintage Jazz & Blues. A no-host bar will raise funds for the Emeryville Youth Art Program, which brings professional artists into Emeryville public schools.
- When:** Opening Reception, 6-9pm, Friday, October 2, 2015
- The exhibit is open to the public daily 11am-6pm, October 3- 25, 2015
- Cost:** Admission to the reception is FREE;
Proceeds from the no-host bar benefit Emeryville Youth Art Program
- Location:** 5745 Peladeau Street, Emeryville, CA
South entrance on Stanford Avenue
- Info/Directions:** <http://www.emeryarts.org> or call 510/652-6122

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 with poets Tim Donnelly, Salame Samiat, Kathleen McClung, Vernon Keeve III and others. The readings will take place in the exhibition hall, amidst artwork created by more than 100 Emeryville artists and craftspeople. The work includes paintings, sculpture, photographs, ceramics and textiles.
- When: 2-4pm, Sunday, October 4, 2015
6:30-8:30pm, Thursday, October 22, 2015
- Cost: Free
- Location: 5745 Peladeau Street, Emeryville, CA
South entrance on Stanford Avenue
- Info/Directions: <http://www.emeryarts.org> or call 510/652-6122

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 dance performances by Nancy Karp + Dancers. There will be two 20-minute site-specific performances of "Studies I, II, III, IV" in the exhibition hall amidst artwork created by more than 100 Emeryville artists and craftspeople. The work includes paintings, sculpture, photographs, ceramics and textiles.
- When: Two 20-minute Performances:
3pm and 4pm, Sunday, October 25, 2015
- Cost: Free
- Location: 5745 Peladeau Street, Emeryville, Cp
South entrance on Stanford Avenue
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