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**EMERYVILLE CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS ANNOUNCES
35th ANNUAL EMERYVILLE ART EXHIBITION
OCTOBER 2 – 31, 2021**

Opening Reception, 6-9pm, Friday, October 1, 2021
Bay Street Emeryville, 5690 Bay Street, Emeryville, CA

Emeryville Celebration of the Arts, Inc. is proud to announce the 35th Annual Emeryville Art Exhibition, a live month-long juried exhibition featuring over 200 pieces of artwork created by 85 Emeryville artists. The exhibition is open October 2 – 31, 2021, from 11am to 6 pm, Thursdays through Sundays at Bay Street Emeryville, 5690 Bay Street, Emeryville, CA. The opening night reception is 6 pm Friday, October 1. Admission to the reception and exhibition is free. For details regarding current covid protocols, directions, and Emery-go-round stop, log onto www.emeryarts.org or call 510/652-6122.

“For our 35th anniversary, we feel it is important to be able to celebrate this milestone year with a live exhibition. Our artists and our community are so ready for this October tradition to resume, masks and all,” said Sharon Wilchar, exhibition coordinator. “Not only are we celebrating our 35th year, but also the 30th anniversary of the city’s Art in Public Places Program and the city of Emeryville’s 125th year. Emeryville has become

well known for its creative community and we are proud acknowledge this with our annual celebration.”

For more than three decades the Annual Exhibition has been installed at a different location, each year donated by an Emeryville business. Last year during the challenges of 2020, the Exhibition was presented online only. This year, for the 35th Annual Exhibition, CenterCal Properties LLC has generously offered the use of a 14,000 square foot space, conveniently located at the north end of the Bay Street Emeryville shopping district.

“We are hopeful that, with this large space, we will be able to adhere to the current protocols and challenges of social distancing,” continued Wilchar. “We are cautiously moving forward with plans for the live exhibition and opening night reception, yet understand we may need to be flexible. We encourage the public to check our website for the most up-to-date information regarding covid restrictions and guidelines.”

First held in 1987, this exhibition was initially conceived as an event to recognize the city of Emeryville’s active and visionary partnership with the 45th Street Artists’ Cooperative. The Cooperative was able to purchase its warehouse with the aid of a Redevelopment Agency loan and the City played a major role in stabilizing the live/work environment so vital to its creative community. While the concept of the Exhibition began as a celebration of this partnership (and some of the original artists from the Co-op will show new work this year) it quickly expanded to embrace the entire artist population of Emeryville. Now any artist who either lives or works in Emeryville can submit their artwork for consideration for the Annual Exhibition.

The art and artists of Emeryville continue to reflect the city’s great creativity and diversity. Each year a panel of Bay Area art professionals selects the pieces for the

annual exhibition through a jury process. The result is a carefully curated group show featuring the works of artists and craftspeople that live or work in Emeryville. The exhibition is open to artists of all media and includes paintings, sculpture, photographs, prints, ceramics, textiles, video, glass works, and literary arts.

"We are happy to be back in the 'real' world with a huge exhibition of work – the largest number of works in our 35-year history – all by Emeryville artists," said Kathleen Hanna, exhibition curator and juror. "Some bright new artists will be showing this year as well as exciting new works from some of the artists who have exhibited in the past."

The other 2021 jurors are Rory Padeken, curator at San Jose Museum of Art, and Jan Watten, founder and curator of Gray Loft Gallery in Oakland.

The exhibition jurors have continued to discover emerging talent, along with new work by established artists. Contributing artists this year include painters M. Louise Stanley, Foad Satterfield, Rachel Kalman, T Tanchelev, and Linda Lee Boyd; clay artists James Morris, Cuong Ta, and Bill Schwob; photographers Susan Scott, Michael Teresko, Ronald Davis, and Jeannie O'Connor; printmaker Kazuko Watanabe; Ann Holsberry, Laura Rifkin, and Erin Fong working in mixed media; sculptors Ken Kalman, Courtney Sennish, and Cheryl Coon; textile artist Susan Avila. Most works in this large 35th Annual Art Exhibition are for sale.

"Emeryville is synonymous with art - as this city is home to many extraordinary artists," said juror Jan Watten. "This is evident in the great depth and astonishing array of art that was submitted this year. I was very impressed with the caliber of work entered and was delighted to be involved in the selection process."

Along with the impressive collection of visual art, the 35th Annual Exhibition continues to include a celebration of the literary arts. Emeryville's former Poet Laureate Sarah Kobrinsky will lead a poetry writing workshop and reading, with poems inspired by the collection of works on display. The poetry workshop (limited number) and reading are open to the public, for details visit www.emaryarts.org.

"I am delighted to have been part of the jury for this year's art exhibition and to see the incredible range of artworks submitted," commented juror Rory Padeken. "The selected artworks represent a tiny sliver of the immense artistic talent that is found in Emeryville. All the artists who put forth their work for consideration are to be commended for their steadfast pursuit of their art."

The mission of the non-profit Emeryville Celebration of the Arts, Inc. is to foster an appreciation of the arts and artists of Emeryville, and to promote the city as a culturally vital and progressive center for living and working. The Annual Emeryville Art Exhibition continues to support this mission by providing a free public venue, open to all, to experience the rich diversity of artistic expression of those who live and work within the city of Emeryville.

CALENDAR LISTING - ART EXHIBITS:

What: **Annual Emeryville Art Exhibition Celebrates 35 Years**
Celebrating art and artists in Emeryville for 35 years, this large group show features more than 200 pieces of artwork by 85 Emeryville artists. The exhibition is open to artists of all media and includes paintings, sculpture, photographs, prints, ceramics, textiles, video, glass works, and literary arts.

The East Bay enclave of Emeryville is well known for its active and diverse arts community and this juried exhibition serves as the city's annual celebration of its thriving collective creativity. Each year a panel of Bay Area art professionals select the pieces for the annual exhibition. The result is a carefully curated group show featuring the works of artists and craftspeople that live or work in Emeryville. Now in its milestone 35th year,

the exhibition continues to uncover emerging talent, along with new work by established artists.

The Annual Emeryville Art Exhibition is sponsored by Emeryville Celebration of the Arts, Inc. Independent curator and exhibition designer Kathleen Hanna is curator and juror. The other 2021 jurors are Rory Padeken, curator for the San Jose Museum of Art, and Jan Watten, founder and curator of Gray Loft Gallery, Oakland.

When: 35th Annual Art Exhibition is Open
Thursdays through Sundays
11am – 6pm, October 2–31, 2021
Opening Night Reception
6pm, Friday, October 1, 2021

Cost: FREE - donations encouraged

Where: Bay Street Emeryville
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CALENDAR LISTING – ART OPENINGS

What: 35th Annual Emeryville Art Exhibition
Opening Night Reception

Celebrate 35 years of art and artists in Emeryville. Meet the artists and get the first look at the artwork on display in the 35th Annual Emeryville Art Exhibition, a juried show of 85 artists and craftspeople who live or work in Emeryville. Music by The doRiaN Mode: Vintage Jazz & Blues; no-host bar raises funds for the Emeryville Youth Art Program.

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