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The Palo Alto Art Center Announces...

Spring Youth Exhibitions / May 10-31, 2009

YOUTH ART 2009
Sixth Annual CULTURAL KALEIDOSCOPE
HOPE TECHNOLOGY

*~Public opening reception with student artists,
Wednesday, May 13, 2009, 5:30-8 p.m.~*

Palo Alto, CA – The Palo Alto Art Center presents three spring exhibitions showcasing spirited artwork by area students.

The Palo Alto Art Center (PAAC), in collaboration with the Palo Alto Unified School District (PAUSD), celebrates the artistic gifts of our community's students K-12 by hosting the *Youth Art Exhibition* from May 10-31, 2009. This annual exhibition highlights the artistic output of students, who participate in visual arts education programs within the PAUSD. It features instructor-selected work that demonstrates artistic accomplishment and innovation in the classroom. A component of these programs is the Spectra Art program that provides elementary school students with experiences that explore a wide variety of media, artists and artistic processes. The exhibition has received special support from the Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati Foundation.

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The companion exhibition, *Cultural Kaleidoscope*, is an arts education program of the Palo Alto Art Center Foundation (PAACF). This artist-in-residency program partners grades K-5 classes from schools in the PAUSD and the Ravenswood City School District (East Palo Alto and East Menlo Park). Its goal is to deepen students' awareness of diverse cultures through the creation of independent and collaborative art projects. [www.paacf.com]

The hall gallery showcases the unique talents of students at Hope Technology in Palo Alto. Featuring sculpture and two-dimensional work by students from preschool to middle school, the exhibition preview's Hope's silent auction to be held on July 18, 2009. Hope Technology strives to provide an exceptional learning experience for typical and special-needs children in a fully inclusive, technology rich environment. [www.hopetechschool.org]

A free public opening reception with the student artists will be held at the Palo Alto Art Center on May 13, 2009, from 5:30- 8 p.m. The opening reception will include an awards presentation for the Palo Alto Art Center Foundation Graduating Senior Awards and Public Art Commission Purchase Awards at 6 p.m. Additional reception events include hands-on workshops (pre-registration required) presented by the Adult Studio Program at the Art Center, and a hands-on activity presented by a Cultural Kaleidoscope artist.

Adult Tours for "Youth Art" & "Cultural Kaleidoscope " 2 p.m.

Free docent-led tours "Art Dialogues" on Saturdays at 2 pm. For Confirmation or additional information, please call 650.329.2366.

Reception for the public and student artists

Wednesday, May 13, 2009, 5:30-8 p.m.

About Cultural Kaleidoscope

Cultural Kaleidoscope is provided to classrooms free of charge and is made possible by grants from the Hurlbut-Johnson Fund, Lockheed Martin, Washington Mutual Foundation, Wells Fargo Foundation, Palo Alto Weekly Holiday Fund, Westly Foundation, Arts Council Silicon Valley's Community Art Fund, Fenwick & West LLP, Morrison & Foerster LLP, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati Foundation, Palo Alto Art Center, City of Palo Alto, Palo Alto Art Center Foundation, and private donations.

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Using Art to Teach Math & Language Arts

In conjunction with the exhibitions, The Palo Alto Art Center Foundation is offering a free two hour workshop for teachers and administrators, Using Art to Teach Math and Language Arts on Saturday, May 16, 2009, 4-6 p.m. Carmen Lomas Garza, a nationally-recognized Latina artist, will demonstrate how her artwork may be used to teach mathematical concepts and inspire language arts lessons. The workshop demonstrates *The Visual Thinking Strategies (VTS) Method*. VTS is a curriculum and teaching method, using artwork to promote language development, communication skills, and evidentiary reasoning in the elementary school classroom. The workshop will be presented in the Palo Alto Art Center Auditorium and is open to the public. All teachers, principals, and district administrators from the Ravenswood and Palo Alto Unified School Districts are invited to attend.

About the Palo Alto Art Center

The Palo Alto Art Center (founded 1971) is a nationally acclaimed, regional visual art center whose exhibition program focuses on documenting – and celebrating – the art and artists of the San Francisco Bay Area. The Center's mission is to foster creative process and thought by forging a greater appreciation and understanding of the visual arts through exhibitions, studio experiences and related educational programs. The Palo Alto Art Center, Division of Arts and Culture, City of Palo Alto, is funded in part by support from the Palo Alto Art Center Foundation and the Arts Council Silicon Valley, in partnership with the County of Santa Clara and the California Arts Council. The Center is open to the public without charge from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday; and 7-10 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday. The Center is located at 1313 Newell Road, Palo Alto, CA 94303. For further information: Phone: 650-329-2366 / E-mail: artcenter@cityofpaloalto.org / Web site: www.cityofpaloalto.org/artcenter

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