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***– The Palo Alto Art Center and Foundation Presents Two Spring Exhibitions –
Youth Art 2006 and the Third Annual Cultural Kaleidoscope
May 14-June 4, 2006***



***~Save-the-Date! Public Opening Reception with Student Artists~
May 17, 2006 / 6:00-8:00 p.m.***

PALO ALTO, Calif. – April 24, 2006 – The Palo Alto Art Center (PAAC) and the Palo Alto Unified School District (PAUSD) will again collaborate and celebrate the imaginative spirit of students K-12 by hosting the ***Youth Art Exhibition*** from May 14-June 4, 2006. This annual exhibition highlights the creative and artistic output of students that 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 companion exhibition, ***Cultural Kaleidoscope***, is an arts education program of the Palo Alto Art Center Foundation (PAACF). This artist-in-residency program partners K-5 classes from schools in the PAUSD and the Ravenswood School District. Its goal is to deepen students' awareness of diverse cultures through the creation of independent and collaborative art projects.

A free public opening reception with the student artists will be held at the Palo Alto Art Center on May 17, 2006, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The opening reception will include an awards presentation at 6:30 p.m.: Palo Alto Art Center Foundation Graduating Senior Awards and Public Art Commission Purchase Awards. Additional reception events include hands-on workshops (pre-registration required) presented by studio supervisors at the Art Center, and a hands-on Claymation activity presented by the Center's Project LOOK! program.

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“We are delighted to again co-sponsor **Youth Art** with the Palo Alto Unified School District as part of a community partnership that has continued for over 20 years,” stated Linda Craighead, Executive Director of the Palo Alto Art Center. “The high-caliber of the student work created for both **Youth Art** and **Cultural Kaleidoscope** is not only a reflection of the school district’s commitment to providing quality art programs in the schools, it underscores the enriching cultural benefit of arts education to the entire community,” she added.

The 2006 program is generously supported by grants from Adobe Foundation Fund, Arts Council Silicon Valley, California Arts Council, Cisco Systems Foundation, Citigroup Foundation, Fenwick & West LLP, Hewlett-Packard Company Foundation, Morrison & Foerster LLP, Palo Alto Weekly Holiday Fund, Washington Mutual Bank, Young& Borlik Architects, and private donations.

For further information regarding **Youth Art 2006** and the **Third Annual Cultural Kaleidoscope** please contact the Palo Alto Art Center at: Phone: 650.329.2366 / Email: artcenter@city.palo-alto.ca.us / Website: www.cityofpaloalto.org/artcenter.

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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 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; 1:00-5:00 p.m. Sunday; and 7:00-10:00 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday. The Center is located at 1313 Newell Road, Palo Alto, CA 94303. For further information: Phone: 650.329.2366 / Email: artcenter@city.palo-alto.ca.us / Website: www.cityofpaloalto.org/artcenter.

Cultural Kaleidoscope is a program of the Palo Alto Art Center Foundation. The mission of the Palo Alto Art Center Foundation, a private nonprofit 501(c)(3) (www.paacf.org) organization founded 1973, is to support the mission and goals of the [Palo Alto Art Center](http://www.paloaltoartcenter.org), promote unique art experiences and education for people of all ages, and serve as the Art Center's advocate and ambassadors in the community. The mission of the Art Center (founded 1971) 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 Foundation, through its fundraising efforts, enables the Art Center to offer innovative educational experiences for children and adults, produce high-profile exhibitions and catalogues, pay artists equitable participation fees, and broaden its audience to serve the community as a truly regional art center.