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Laguna College Seniors Showcase the Culmination of their Studies ***Fine Arts Senior Show ~ May 6, 6-9pm at Seven Degrees***

Graduating fine arts seniors at Laguna College of Art & Design will present a one-night-only group exhibition of original artwork on Wednesday, May 6 from 6-9pm. The event is generously hosted by Seven Degrees, located at 891 Laguna Canyon Road in Laguna Beach. The community is cordially invited to meet the artists and view the brilliant array of works in a variety of mediums, many of which will be available for sale. Be among the first to catch these rising stars.

Now in its 11th year, the annual exhibition is produced entirely by the fine arts graduating seniors under the guidance of faculty member Brad Coleman. The event is unique in the fact that it is the first opportunity for the students to present a body of work that reflects more of their personal vision as an artist, as opposed to work done solely for course curriculum. It's the final project for the Senior Portfolio Class, a course designed to help the students begin to make the leap from student work to a level that is closer to that of a professional artist. Many of the students work exclusively for the entire semester to bring this project to fruition.

"This is an opportunity for the students to finish off their time at LCAD on a successful and very positive note. They know that this exhibition showcases their work for the art community, and so they always rise to the occasion. I'm continually amazed at the level of work that is produced for the show, and the often remarkable breakthroughs that the students make in preparing for it. The night is usually charged with energy because they've worked so hard as a group to pull it off," said instructor Brad Coleman.

Participating artists: Shane Daley, Mary Debes, Orion Fisher, Alina Gazizova, Pablo Gonzalez, Hannah Harris, Dana Heiden, Jessica Hernandez, Hannah Josepher, Philip Kim, Jason Kowalski, William Knox-Davies, Joseph Leonard, Jared Linge, Luselia Marin, Susan Marion Offield, Ofelia Marquez, Katharina Matthews, Elizabeth McGhee, Erin Metzdorf, Melissa Mickle, James Miller, Ryan Schroeder, Chelsea Vaccaro and Karen Wiechert.

Images:

- *Pink Prom Dress*, Oil on Linen by Karen Wiechert
- *Working in the Lion's Den*, Carved Mirrors and Projection by Phil Kim
- *Untitled*, Oil on Canvas by James Miller
- *Maria Magdalena*, Charcoal & Graphite on Paper by Jessica Hernandez

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Laguna College of Art & Design is a private, not-for-profit college where outstanding artist-educators, visual arts programs, state-of-the-art facilities, and year-round exhibitions give fresh vision to Laguna's extraordinary legacy in the visual arts. Founded in 1961, the college educates artists at all stages of their creative careers, offering Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees in Drawing and Painting, Graphic Design, Illustration, Game Art and Animation, and a Master of Fine Arts degree in painting.

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