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OJAI STUDIO ARTISTS ANNOUNCE 2007 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

(Ojai, CA – June 6, 2007) – Eight Ojai arts students have been named the 2007 Ojai Studio Artists Scholarship recipients. They were selected from a wide variety of submissions. Jurying by OSA members took place on May 17. The scholarship awards are an ongoing program created to recognize talented young people and help them continue their education. OSA has bestowed over \$110,000 in scholarships the last twenty years.

A reception honoring the students will be held on June 16 at the Ojai Valley Museum from 6 to 8 PM, as part of the “Made in Ojai V” exhibition. The public is welcomed to the reception. The winning submissions will be on exhibit along with the annual spring show by OSA members. The exhibition runs June 14 through July 29.

Following are the winners and the type of scholarship they were awarded:

Horace Bristol Scholarship	Joshua Gobbell
John Farnham Scholarship	Celeste Evans
Vivika Heino Scholarship	Wyatt Amend
Beatrice Wood Scholarship	Sung Ho Park
Nancy Rupp Scholarship	Michael Nava
Elaine Rogers Scholarship	Anna Mae Reeser
OSA Scholarship	Kari Francis
OSA Scholarship	Anita Hendricks

Background information on the winners is as follows:

JOSHUA GOBBELL is 23 years old, has lived in Ojai all his life and attends Brooks Institute of Photography in Santa Barbara. He already has some editing and filming experience and aspires to become a National Geographic cinematographer and filmmaker.

CELESTE EVANS is 17, graduating from Nordhoff High School in Ojai, has been accepted at California Institute of the Arts where she will double major in art and percussion. She also sings and writes. Her dream would be to be able to make a living as an artist and musician.

WYATT AMEND is 18, graduating from Nordhoff H.S. where he developed his interest in ceramics and was on the Varsity Golf Team. He will attend Sonoma State University, aspires to a Masters Degree in Fine Arts and some day become the owner of a shop on the beach where he can live and work and sell his art.

MICHAEL NAVA, 17 currently attends Ashburn School in Ojai and has been accepted to the Calif. College of the Arts in Oakland. He has been exposed to art all his life as his father is a professional artist and his older brother has received OSA scholarships. He says art is a necessary part of his life and his identity.

ANNA MAE REESER, 18, attends The Thacher School in Ojai and will continue her art studies at Berkeley. She is passionate about art and loves painting and printmaking and also has a talent for creative writing. Her teacher says she “has an art spirit”.

SUNG HO PARK, 18, attends Ojai Valley School and according to his teacher, is “an original thinker.” He excels in drawing and in using unlikely materials (drawing done with a glue gun; a composition about a broken heart using cracked glass). He is also a very creative writer.

KARI FRANCIS, 18, attends Nordhoff H.S. excels in fine arts as well as dramatic and performing arts and is a gifted musician. She has won awards for her artwork at the Ventura County Fair, and has recently started to develop skills in cartooning.

GABRIELLA CAMEJO, 20, attends Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore. She is interested in dreams and the subconscious as they can be expressed through art. She hopes to study art in Italy.

ANITA HENDRICKS, is a versatile artist with an interest in the art of native peoples and a great desire to develop her talents in order to make a living as an artist. She attends classes at S.B.C.C. and Adult Education and her current study is in ceramics. Her future hope is to have access to studio space and other master artists who she can learn from.

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