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OJAI STUDIO ARTISTS ANNOUNCE 2007 ART SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

(Ojai, CA - March 12, 2007) Applications are now being accepted for the Ojai Studio Artists (OSA) annual Art Scholarship program. Since 1993, OSA has provided more than \$113,000 in support of local art education programs. Of this amount, \$65,000 was in the form of art scholarships to talented Ojai Valley students.

“We are very excited by the quality of work submitted each year,” states Jean Smart, Scholarship Committee Chair. “Every competition, we receive a wide variety of work from multiple disciplines of the visual arts.”

High school and college students who are permanent residents of the Ojai Valley and are pursuing a career in the visual arts (drawing, painting, sculpture, ceramics, photography, or other related fields) are eligible to apply. Applicants are eligible to receive a maximum of three scholarship awards.

A group of OSA members will judge the entries. Awards will be presented on Saturday, June 16, during the opening reception of the Ojai Studio Artists' Spring Exhibit, “Made in Ojai V.” The reception will be held at the Ojai Valley Museum and winners' artwork will be exhibited.

Scholarships are financed by funds raised during the Ojai Studio Artists Tour, which takes place annually on the second weekend of October. This year's dates are October 13 and 14.

Deadline for scholarship applications is 5 p.m. Friday, April 27.

For further information and application forms visit the OSA website ojaistudioartists.com or contact Jean Smart, Scholarship Committee Chair at 805-646-5432 or smartartist@sbcglobal.net.

Ojai Studio Artists is a newly formed 501(c) 3 California non-profit organization focused on bringing the visual arts to the community through tours, outreach educational programs and scholarships to worthy students. For more information on OSA activities, please visit www.ojaistudioartists.com.

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