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**EXHIBIT WITH WORK FROM JOHN NAVA TO BENEFIT THE OJAI STUDIO ARTISTS SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

*Ojai Valley children and parents – all artists – to be featured in a special show at Primavera Gallery.*

(Ventura, CA – July 7, 2008) The concentration of artistic talents runs deep in the Ojai Valley, which is now bringing forth second-generation artists from established art families. Gallery owner, Khaled Al-Awar was taken by the high quality of art on display recently during the “Made in Ojai VI” exhibition by the Ojai Studio Artists. Among the artwork were the winning pieces by Ojai Valley art students.

“I approached Jennifer Moses, OSA’s president, about creating a show of young, promising artists, a way to give them early exposure and recognition,” stated Al-Awar. “During our conversation, “as my initial inspiration had been Celeste Evans, one of the 2008 OSA Scholarship winner. Jennifer told me that several of the winning students were the children of OSA members or well-established artists. We agreed to showcase both generations work along with several other artists.

“As I learned more about the group’s scholarship program, I decided to donate all of the profits from the exhibit to the OSA scholarship fund to help continue the good works of the group. When I discovered that artist John Nava’s sons had won OSA scholarships, I called John and he agreed to also exhibit a piece at the event. I am very grateful to John Nava for lending his name and artwork for the event.”

“We are quite excited about this wonderful opportunity to showcase our members’ and their talented children,” said Jennifer Moses, OSA President. “One of the group’s primary goals is to help the next generation of artists continue their education and become professional artists. The exposure with such leading artists as John Nava, Richard Amend and the others is a great start for a young career.”

The week-long exhibit will kick off with a reception the evening of August 2, 2008 with a generous donation of wine from Bill Moses and Casa Barranca. The artists to be featured are:

Richard Amend, Susan Stinsmuehlen-Amend and their son Wyatt

David Reeser, Carolyn Fox and their daughter Anna Mae Reeser

John Nava and his sons Michael and Matthew

Celeste Evans, and her father, Charles Evans

and other OSA members including Jennifer Moses, Sherry Loehr. Wyatt Amend, Celeste Evans and Anna Mae Reeser were 2008 scholarship winners and Michael Nava won in 2007.

Primavera Gallery is located at 214 East Ojai Ave, Ojai, CA and is open 10 AM to 5 PM seven days a week. For more information on the exhibit, please contact Kathleen Kaiser, OSA Media Relations at 805-524-6970 or Primavera Gallery, 805-646-7133.

*The Ojai Studio Artists is a nonprofit volunteer-based organization comprised of professional artists who are juried into the group based on the quality of the work, experience in the field, exhibition history and commitment to the community. Many are represented nationally and internationally in museum collections. For more information, visit OSA’s website at [www.ojaistudioartists.com](http://www.ojaistudioartists.com).*

