



# OJAI STUDIO ARTISTS

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## **“MADE IN OJAI VII”**

*Ojai Studio Artists Exhibition to run June 4 through July 26  
at the Ojai Valley Museum*

**Ojai, CA – May 11, 2009.** The prestigious Ojai Studio Artists (OSA) announce their annual spring exhibition “Made in Ojai VII” at the Ojai Valley Museum. This show of new work runs from June 4 to July 26 at the Museum, a great local resource that supports diverse art, historical, and cultural events in the Ojai Valley. This year, OSA’s long-time honorary member, Otto Heino, is featured in the exhibition as is the work of outstanding Ojai student artists, the 2009 recipients of scholarships awarded by the Ojai Studio Artists. Proceeds from the sale of artwork benefit the museum and support local artists.

Always a fun event and open to the public, the reception is on Saturday, June 6, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. with the presentation of the Student Scholarship Awards ceremony at 6:00. Many of the scholarships are named in honor of esteemed past members including Beatrice Wood, Vivika and Otto Heino, John Farnham, Nancy Rupp and others. Supporting arts students in their aspirations to become artists encourages the legacy of Ojai as a vital arts community.

The Ojai Studio Artists has given more than \$133,780 in scholarships and donations to qualified art students, artists, and arts organizations in the Ojai Valley. These contributions are funded through auctions and ticket sales from OSA’s annual fall Studio Tour, to be held this year on Saturday and Sunday, October 10 and 11. Monies raised from local sponsorships and donations also contribute to these funds.

“We are proud to celebrate 26 years of tours and exhibitions. ‘Made in Ojai VII’ has become an annual collaboration joining two of the major arts institutions in the Valley, the Ojai Studio Artists and the Ojai Valley Museum. The exhibition will be up during the Ojai Music Festival weekend which should be a major draw for patrons looking to discover local cultural activities,” states Richard Amend, OSA Exhibition Chair.

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The Ojai Studio Artists is a 501(c)(3) California nonprofit volunteer-based organization comprised of professional artists who are juried into the group based on the quality of their 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.org](http://www.ojaistudioartists.org).

To find out more about the Ojai Valley Museum and their new programs go to [www.ojaivalleymuseum.org](http://www.ojaivalleymuseum.org).

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