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## **CALENDAR EDITORS ALERT**

### **“MADE IN OJAI VIII” CELEBRATING OJAI STUDIO ARTISTS SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS AND CURATED EXHIBITION OF MEMBERS’ WORK**

#### **Ojai Studio Artists Exhibition to run July 29 through September 19 at the Ojai Valley Museum**

(Ojai, CA – June 22, 2010) The prestigious Ojai Studio Artists will use their annual exhibition, “Made In Ojai” to begin their fall celebration of commitment to the arts as a group, and to the community. The show will run from July 29 to September 19 at the Ojai Valley Museum with an opening reception on Saturday, July 31 from 5 to 7 p.m.. Proceeds from the sale of artwork will benefit the museum, which is a great local resource that continues to promote art, history and culture in the Ojai Valley.

“Again this year, we are proud to commemorate over 25 years of tours and exhibitions with “Made in Ojai VIII,” states Richard Amend, OSA Exhibition Chair. “One positive feature of OSA is its dedication to providing the community with grants, donations, arts education and student scholarships. I highly endorse this program, having, in my time, received full scholarships, for both undergraduate and graduate degrees. An arts education would not have been possible for me without this type of extraordinary assistance. Giving back to future generations is important and OSA as a group, devotes its work to those efforts.”

Many of the scholarships are named in honor of prestigious past members including the Beatrice Wood, Otto and Vivika Heino, John Farnham, Nancy Rupp and others. The work from 2010 scholarship winners will be on display during the exhibition.

Different this year will be the participation of the Museum’s new director, Michele Ellis Pracy, who will select the artwork to be exhibited. “With my involvement this year,” stated Pracy, “if an OSA artist wants to participate in the exhibit, they will have at least one, and sometimes 2, pieces in the show. As the curator of the exhibition, I am making studio visits to each participating artist and selecting one or two works that are recent pieces, not seen in Ojai before, and are exceptional and indicative of their oeuvre. This is a selling exhibition...all works are available for purchase; all are priced at fair market value and are of small to medium scale.”

An opening reception will host the presentation of the Student Scholarship Awards on Saturday, July 31 from 5 to 7 p.m. The ceremony will honor the 2010 winners of student scholarships, given by OSA to outstanding Ojai Valley student artists. To date, OSA has given more than \$100,000 in scholarships. These awards are funded through auctions and ticket sales from OSA’s annual fall Studio Tour, held this year Saturday and Sunday, October 9 and 10. Artwork by the scholarship winners will also be included in the exhibition.

#### **“MADE IN OJAI VIII” FACTS:**

Exhibition: July 29 to September 19, 2010

The museum is open Thursday & Friday 1 to 4 p.m., Saturday & Sunday, Noon to 4 p.m.

There is a \$3 fee.

Reception July 31 from 5 to 7 p.m. - The reception is free to the public.

The Museum is located at 130 W Ojai Ave, Ojai, CA 93023, 805-640-1390.