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### **Emerging Artists Featured at New Gallery in Albany**

Albany, CA – October 6, 2006 – A Different Day Gallery will host an opening reception on Saturday, October 6, 4:00-7:00 p.m. PT. The reception will include an exhibit on emerging artists, serve wines from Redwood Creek Wines and feature music by Pacific Strings, a Bay Area violin group.

The exhibit will showcase the following Bay Area artists – Michael Sacramento, Eric Leung, Jennifer Z. Roszell, Elisa Couchman, Grace Hwang and Veronica Guillen. Southern California artists who will be showing are Tonya Cousens, Pinar Yoldas and Jeffery Clements

**Michael Sacramento** is inspired by contemporary Filipino and Asian painters, the American Bay Area Figurative painters, Abstract Expressionism, films, urban art and comic books. His still life paintings of toys evoke romantic memories of childhood.

**Eric Leung** studied Art Studio at UC Santa Barbara and will display works that demonstrate his talent in several mediums. His photographs, paintings and digital arts represent forms of communication and spiritual outreach.

**Jennifer Z. Roszell** combines her own photographs of California landscapes with acrylic paintings from her travels, forming an evocative local and international collage. Jennifer's work explores recalled memory fragments and daydreams of particular places that she has visited.

**Elisha Couchman**, another East Bay painter, recently returned from a painting trip in Italy. She received her B.A. in Fine Arts at UC Santa Cruz and works mainly with oil on canvas, inspired from life, her imagination, as well as her travel photographs. She values organic shapes rather than precise representation, to explore the essence of a person, the humor of a situation, or the nature of an object. Elisha will have three of her works on display.

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South Bay resident **Grace Hwang** paints in the classical Chinese style. Grace's interest in painting began while she was a little girl in Taiwan. Years later and an ocean away, she has more free time. She said that she's learned now that extracurricular activities and hobbies are not a "waste of time," but they compliment everyday life. This will be Grace's first exhibition in California, and she will be displaying three of her watercolors on rice paper.

Balancing life as wife, mother and student, **Veronica Guillen** somehow finds time to paint. She has also loved art and enjoyed drawing and painting from a young age, but only in the past 5 years has she been able to devote more time to her passion. With her children as inspiration she has embraced her dream of painting with more excitement and joy than ever before. Veronica will exhibit three of her paintings at the gallery.

Southern California artists **Tonya Cousens, Pinar Yoldas and Jeffery Clements** will also showcase their immense talents.

**Tonya Cousens** began her professional art training while in high school. Winning numerous art competitions and scholarships motivated her to complete her BFA at Otis College of Art and Design. From flowers to fishes, her work is driven by natural colors and details. She works with multiple mediums including pencil, ink, watercolor, acrylic and oil. Two of Tonya's artworks will be shown and A Different Day gallery's opening exhibition.

After a detour of more than forty years, **Dr. Jeffery Clements** returned to his passion and innate talent of drawing geometric objects. Upon completing his career in engineering, Dr. Clements' creative passion was reignited by a visit to the M. Hanks Gallery in Santa Monica, California. Influenced by famed black artist Charles H. Alston, Jeffrey's art combines his love of engineering, his passion for old buildings, and his talent for "drawing objects." Four of his artworks will be on display at the gallery opening.

**Pinar Yoldas** is currently an MFA candidate at UCLA. She received her bachelor's degree in architecture from Middle East Technical University, and has worked as a visual designer for many years in Istanbul, Turkey. She believes that it is artists who will save the world and will be bring 3 of her works to the gallery opening.

### **About A Different Day Gallery**

The mission of A Different Day Gallery is to bring together emerging artists and aspiring art collectors who are looking to enhance their art collections and discover talented artists.

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