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20 Local Artists exhibit at Uptown Body & Fender Open Studios

OAKLAND, Ca (28 April 2010) -

When: First two weekends in June, - June 5 & 6, June 12 & 13, 2010 11 am to 6 pm
Preview reception - Friday, June 4, 2009 6 pm to 9 pm
Music and refreshments, wheelchair accessible, Green event
*20% of the sales from the reception benefit St. Mary's Center in Oakland

Where: UPTOWN Body and Fender, 401 26th Street, Oakland, CA 94612

Who: Marsha Balian, Karen Bates, Julie Bernstein, Paula Boas, Bill Christensen, Suzanne D'Arcy, Shari Arai DeBoer, Adriana Diaz, Aiko Kobayashi Gray, Naoko Haruta, Yasuko Kaya, Yuko Kitaura, Naohiro Matsuzawa, Alan Mazzetti, Mitsuyo Moore, Margo Rivera-Weiss, Junko Stickney, Carol Tarzier, Eiko Toyooka, and Vivian Waterloo

In conjunction with the annual Pro Arts East Bay Open Studios the first two weekend in June, 20 East Bay artists join together to exhibit a wide range of artwork - paintings, mixed media, drawings, sculpture, jewelry and weaving. The artists' vibrant styles span realism, expressionism, abstract and much more. Because Carol Tarzier had such a positive response to her art silent auction last year, many this year's artists will joining Carol is offering some of their work in this format too.

The exhibit takes place at the architectural jewel, Uptown Body and Fender, at 401 26th Street, located in the heart of the "art murmur" district of Oakland. Entertainment during the event includes: World Music by Sachiko Kanenobu and Sukhawat Ali Khan, Tango by Adriana Diaz, Jazz/Bluegrass by Paul Bernstein and Piano by Erika Oba.

A preview reception and fundraiser will be held Friday, June 4th, with 20% of the sales from the reception benefiting the Oakland non-profit organization, St. Mary's Center. The preview will be part of Oakland's First Friday Art Murmur Gallery Tour. Uptown Body & Fender owner Giovanna Tanzillo generously donates the use of her building to the artists, as well as other community groups throughout the year.

Art lovers may view sample work by the over 400 artists participating the Open Studios event at Pro Arts Gallery located at 150 Frank Ogawa Plaza in downtown Oakland. The preview exhibit opens on May 4th. Gala and artist receptions will be held on Thursday, June 3rd. Viewers create their own custom art tour through viewing the preview exhibit, the show directory/map and visiting the online gallery. Directory/maps are available at Pro-Arts Gallery and you may preview online at proartsgallery.org.

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Jpgs of art, artist bios available by email.
The official event website is www.UptownOpenStudios.com

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