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The Huntington Beach Art Center Presents

Water Works

July 14, 2018 – August 25, 2018



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Huntington Beach, CA – The Huntington Beach Art Center (HBAC) is proud to present the second installment of its 2018 contemporary series: “The Power of Pigment: A Celebration of Color.” Entitled *Water Works*, this juried exhibition showcases the talents of local and regional artists who work in transparent, water-soluble media. The Public Opening Reception is July 14, 2018 from 6:30 to 9:00 pm.

The exhibition features 85 works by 53 watercolorists who span the range of amateur to master artists. The show also pays homage to past and present HBAC watercolor instructors. Prizes will be awarded in five

categories including the Lois Barth Award of Excellence in Art for Best in Show, as well as Jurors’ Choice: Master Category, Juror’s Choice: Amateur Category, Audience Choice: Master Category, and Audience Choice: Amateur Category. Jurying the exhibition are two of Southern California’s foremost watercolor experts: Eileen McCullough and Chris Sullivan.

Eileen McCullough is a plein air watercolor artist. She lives in Huntington Beach, California and has made the coastal town her favorite subject matter. Eileen has an art degree from California State University, Long Beach and had a busy career as an illustrator. During all the years of freelancing she always made time for watercolor painting. “I was lucky to have access to such gifted artists as Tim Clark, Linda Stevens, and Chris Sullivan.” Eileen is currently President of the Board for the Huntington Beach Art League where she has earned the status as a master painter. In 2014, she earned signature status in Watercolor West and also holds a position as Demonstration Chair. Eileen is busy conducting workshops, teaching at the Huntington Beach Art Center, and demonstrating for various Art Societies.

Chris Sullivan is a signature member of Watercolor West. She is considered to be a highly motivating and influential teacher, respected juror, and inspiring painter. She was an assistant for the Rex Brandt Painting School from 1981-1987, and an art professor at Coastline Community College for nearly 34 years. She has also taught at Saddleback College and has conducted many workshops in the US and abroad through the years. She has a degree in Fine Art from the University of California, Davis. Chris’s paintings have been exhibited throughout the West and have been included in many juried exhibitions including Watercolor West, Brand XVIII, The Rocky Mountain National Watercolor Exhibition, The Long Beach Open, as well as museum exhibitions at the Laguna Beach Museum of Art, the Orange

County Museum of Art, the Ontario Art Museum, and the San Bernardino Museum. Chris was an 8-year exhibitor at the Laguna Beach Festival of Arts where she also served as a juror several times.

Special Events presented in conjunction with *Water Works* will be a watercolor workshop in which Chris Sullivan presents the art of pouring color, and a film screening of "Loving Vincent," a film chronicling the life and death of painter Vincent van Gogh. The film screening will be introduced by Van Gogh authority Bill Havlicek, who will also provide his expert commentary to wrap up the evening. For more information about *Water Works* or its special events call (714) 374-1650.

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Related Exhibition Events:

Public Reception: July 14 | 6:30 – 9 pm

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Art for Lunch: July 26 | 11:30 am – 1:30 pm

Art for Lunch is a free event, open to the community. Patrons can enjoy their lunch in the galleries while enjoying the current exhibition. *Water Works* is a juried exhibition showcasing the talents of local and regional artists who work in transparent, water-soluble media. Prizes are awarded in several categories including the Lois Barth Award of Excellence in Art – Best in Show. Juried by Eileen McCullough and Chris Sullivan, teachers and master artists in the medium of watercolor. Dessert and beverages will be provided.

Film Screening Night "Loving Vincent": August 2 | 6:30pm

Watercolor Workshop: The Art of Color Pouring: August 25 | 1 – 5pm

Huntington Beach Art Center Information

Gallery Hours

T-Th: 12 – 8 pm | Fr: 12 – 6 pm | Sat: 12 – 5 pm
Closed Sun, Mon & most holidays.

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