

# THE SAN DIEGO VISUAL ARTS NETWORK

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## [San Diego Art Prize 2015 at Athenaeum Music & Arts Library](#)



## [2016 New Contemporaries: SD Art Prize Nominated Emerging Artists at City College Gallery](#)



San Diego, CA – April 15, 2016 - The [San Diego Visual Arts Network](#) is delighted to announce that the recipients of the [San Diego Art Prize 2015](#) will be showing at [Athenaeum Music & Arts Library](#). The established artists [Wendy Maruyama](#) with emerging artist [Peter Scheidt](#) and [Roy McMakin](#) with emerging artist [Kevin Inman](#) will be featured from May 7 to June 11, 2016 with a reception on Friday, May 6, 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM. Art Notes by [Tara Centybear](#), Curator at [San Diego History Center](#), freelance Curator for the [La Jolla Historical Society](#), Artist, and Teacher at [MiraCosta College](#) [Mark Murphy](#), curator/ publisher/designer [Murphy Design](#), [Ginger Porcella](#), Executive Director, [San Diego Art Institute](#), and [Alex Zaragoza](#), freelance arts and culture writer are available in the [2015 SD Art Prize Catalog](#).

[2016 New Contemporaries](#) SD Art Prize Nominated Artists will all be showing at [City College Gallery](#) (1508 C Street, San Diego 92101) from Sat. June 18 - Thurs. July 14, 2016 with an opening Reception: Sat. June 18, 6 - 8 pm. The artists included are [Robert Andrade](#), [William Feeney](#), [Kim Garcia](#), [Robert Michael Jones](#), [Erin Dace Behling](#), [Sasha Koozel Reibstein](#), [Aren Skalman](#), [Graham Smith](#), [Shinpei Takeda](#), [Paola Villasenor \(PANCA\)](#), [Nicole Waszak](#). Two artists from this exhibition will be chosen to receive the 2016 SD Art Prize and announced at the end of the City College exhibition. They will in turn choose two established artists to mentor them and to be co-exhibitor at the [Athenaeum Music & Arts Library](#) in the spring of 2017. Additionally there will be an extra cash prize for the people's choice from this exhibition.

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**City College Gallery**

1508 C Street, San Diego 92101

Exhibition hours: regular gallery hours

Tue – Thurs 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Plus by Appointment and for opening reception

More info: [Terri Hughes-Oelrich](mailto:Terri Hughes-Oelrich) 619-277-0132

## **Exhibiting Artists:**

**Robert Andrade** nominated by **Ginger Porcella**, Executive Director, [San Diego Art Institute](#)

**William Feeney** nominated by **Patricia Frischer**, coordinator, [San Diego Visual Arts Network](#)

**Kim Garcia** nominated by **Ann Berchtold**, founder, [Art San Diego Contemporary Art Fair](#)

**Robert Michael Jones** nominated by **Peter Scheidt**, artist

**Erin Dace Behling** nominated by **Wendy Maruyama**, artist

**Sasha Koozel Reibstein** nominated by **Tara Centybear** , Curator at [San Diego History Center](#), freelance Curator for the [La Jolla Historical Society](#), Artist, and Teacher at [MiraCosta College](#)

**Aren Skalman** nominated by **Erika Torri**, Executive Director, [Athenaeum Music & Arts Library](#)

**Graham Smith** nominated by **Kevin Inman**, artist

**Shinpei Takeda** nominated by **Terri Hughes-Oelrich**, [City College Gallery](#)

**Paola Villasenor (PANCA)** nominated by **Alex Zaragoza**, freelance arts and culture writer

**Nicole Waszak** nominated by **Debra Poteet**, collector

The **SD ART PRIZE** is dedicated to the idea that the visual arts are a necessary and rewarding ingredient of any world-class city and a building block of the lifestyle of its residents. Conceived to promote and encourage dialogue, reflection and social interaction about San Diego's artistic and cultural life, this annual award honors artistic expression. The **SD ART PRIZE**, a cash prize with exhibition opportunities, spotlights established San Diego artists and emerging artists whose outstanding achievements in the field of Visual Arts merit the recognition.

**San Diego Visual Arts Network** strives to improve the clarity, accuracy and sophistication of discourse about San Diego's artistic and cultural life. SDVAN provides a resource-rich website and facilitates countless opportunities for inspiration and collaboration on visual arts projects. This is the only site designed exclusively for Visual Arts in the San Diego region. SDVAN is a 100% volunteer

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non-profit organization dedicated to reinforcing the idea that the visual arts are a necessary and vital part of the health of our city. SDVAN list over 2200 visual arts resource and gets one million hits a year.

**[Athenaeum Music & Arts Library](#)** The Athenaeum Music & Arts Library has earned a reputation as one of the outstanding art galleries and art collectors in San Diego. The Athenaeum's art exhibition program, begun in the 1920s, has grown tremendously. Exhibitions in the Joseph Claves III Gallery focus on nationally and internationally recognized artists. The Rotunda Gallery emphasizes community partnerships or emerging regional artists. The North Reading Room is devoted to showcasing the Athenaeum's Erika and Fred Torri Artists' Books Collection.

**[City College Gallery](#)** is a forum for exploring contemporary art in a variety of media. Through innovative exhibitions, the City Gallery engages and inspires the academic population and surrounding San Diego community.

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Images available on request. Please look at links for catalogs for full selection: **[2015 SD Art Prize Catalog](#)** and **[2016 New Contemporaries Catalog](#)**  
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**PDF is attached or read this press release online: [Press Release New Contemporaries](#), April 2016**