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**SD ART PRIZE: New Contemporaries III** at **Project X: Art**

Opening Reception: Sat. April 24, 6 – 10 pm

Sat., April 24 – Sat., May 22, 2010

320 S. Cedros Ave. Ste. 500 , Solana Beach, 92075

Exhibition hours: Tue - Friday 10 - 5, Saturday 11 – 4

Panel Discussion: Saturday, May 15 at 6 to 8 pm

**CATALOG**

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The **SD ART PRIZE**, in its four year, is proud to present thirteen local emerging artists chosen by art professionals and leading local artists. These **New Contemporaries III** Artists will be exhibited as a group from Sat. April 24 to Sat. May 22 at **Project X: Art**. The catalog for **New Contemporaries III 2010** gives illustrations and biographical material about all the artists and statements by their individual nominators. ALL emerging artists in the SD region are eligible to be chosen by the established artist recipients of this season including but not limited to nominated artists in this and previous New Contemporaries exhibitions. This year's SD Art Prize recipients are **Gail Roberts** who has chosen **David Adey** as the emerging artist to share her exhibition. Adey is a previous New Contemporaries II artists featured last year at the **Noel-Baza Fine Art** exhibition and was nominated again this year by Gabrielle Wyrick, Education Curator, Museum of Contemporary. **Einar and Jamex de la Torre** will choose their emerging artists after the launch of the New Contemporaries III exhibition.

**Greg Boudreau** nominated by **Chris Martin** , **Project X: Art**

**Kelsey Brookes** nominated by **Mark Quint** , **Quint Contemporary Art**

**Stephen P. Curry** nominated by **Robin Bright** , artist

**Steve Gibson** nominated by **Laurie Mitchell**

**Brian Goeltzenleuchter** nominated by **Teri Sowell**, Director of Exhibitions and Collections, **Oceanside Museum of Art**

**Wendell M. Kling** nominated by **Brian Dick**, artist

**Heather Gwen Martin** nominated by **Kim MacConnel**, artist

**Robert Nelson** nominated by **Tom Noel and Larry Baza**, **Noel-Baza Fine Art**

**Julio Orozco** nominated by **Debra Poteet**, collector

**Allison Renshaw** nominated by **Patricia Frischer**, coordinator, **SDVAN**

**Lesha Maria Rodriguez** nominated by **Katherine Sweetman**

**James Soe Nyun** nominated by **Tom Driscoll**, artist

**Stephen Tompkins** nominated by **Robin Clark, PhD**, Curator, **The Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego**

**Panel Sat. May 15, 6-8 pm at Project X: Art:** Katherine Sweetman with artist **Lesha Maria Rodriguez**, Kim MacConnel with artist **Heather Gwen Martin**, Tom Driscoll with artist **James Soe Nyun**, Tom Noel and/or Larry Baza, **Noel-Baza Fine Art**; with artist **Robert Nelson**, Robin Clark, PhD, Curator, **The Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego** with artist **Stephen Tompkins**, Moderated by Kevin Freitas



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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.

**New Contemporaries Exhibitions:** Every year the SD Art Prize Art Notes writers and previous SD Art Prize recipients along with the SD Art Prize committee nominates emerging artists as possible suggestions for the SD Art Prize established artists to mentor. These artists are all featured in the New Contemporaries exhibitions held at local sales galleries.

**San Diego Visual Arts Network:** SDVAN is a database of information produced to improve the clarity, accuracy and sophistication of discourse about San Diego's artistic and cultural life and is dedicated to the idea that the Visual Arts are a vital part of the health of our city. SDVAN hosts a free interactive directory (over 1300 resources listed) and an events calendar covering all San Diego regions including Baja Norte with an opportunity section, gossip column and the SmART Collector feature to help take the mystery out of buying art. SDVAN is the proud non-profit sponsor of the SD Art Prize. This is the only site designed exclusively for the San Diego region and the Visual Arts and is one of the most technically advanced sites of this kind in the country. SDVAN currently get 3-4000 unique visitors per month and over one million hits a year.

**Project X: Art** is dedicated to showcasing art typically under-exposed and under-appreciated outside big city enclaves like Los Angeles, New York and San Francisco. They look for artists ready to strap on their crash-helmet berets and kevlar black turtlenecks for battle; for the X Factor: new school creation of all kinds - Original. Compelling. Progressive. Challenging; for early and mid-career talent currently underappreciated by the conventional fine art establishment; and for emerging new talent getting lost in the art world shuffle.

**Art San Diego Contemporary Art Fair**

Art San Diego has designated the San Diego Art Prize as its non profit beneficiary for specified events.

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