



Press Release

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[SD Art Prize 2012](#) Established Artists announced.

We are delighted to announce the [SD Art Prize 2012](#) recipients. The established artists [Arline Fisch](#) and [Jeffery Laudenslager](#) will be making their choice of emerging artists to mentor later this year.

The 2012 nominating committee, which changes yearly, consists of SD Art Prize recipients for the previous year, writers for the SD Art Prize Art Notes, Honorary Hosts and the SD Art Prize committee: ALL emerging artists in the SD region are eligible to be chosen by the established recipients each season including but not limited to nominated artists in this and previous New Contemporaries exhibitions.

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.

[SD Art Prize](#) at [Athenaeum Music & Arts Library](#) March 31– May 5, 2012

Reception on March 30, 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

[Ruben Ortiz-Torres](#) with emerging artist [Tristan Shone](#)

[Jay Johnson](#) with emerging artist [Adam Belt](#)

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[New Contemporaries V](#) at [Susan Street Fine Art Gallery](#); June 2 to July 3, 2012

Thursday June 7 th, 2012 from 6pm-9pm

[Shawnee Barton](#), [Lauren Carrera](#), [Noah Doely](#), [Rob Duarte](#), [Alexander Jarman](#), [Anna Chiaretta Lavatelli](#), [Lee M. Lavy](#), [Ingram Ober](#), [Vincent Robles](#), [Deanne Sabeck](#), [David Leon Smith](#), [Brian Zimmerman](#)

200 North Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, CA 92075

Monday - Friday 11am to 5pm, Saturday 12pm to 4pm Plus by Appointment

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**San Diego Art Prize 2012** at [Art San Diego Contemporary Art Fair](#) : September 6-9, 2012

Balboa Park Activity Center - 2145 Park Boulevard, San Diego 92101

Hours: Fri and Sat, Sept 7/8 from noon to 8 pm, Sun, Sept 9 from 11 to 5

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**Arline Fisch** - Knitted Bracelets, 2009: Coated copper wire, machine knit, crochet edges, Various sizes: 5 inches by 3-6:inches. Photo credits: William Gullette

Arline Fisch was born in New York and studied art at Skidmore College, the University of Illinois, and the School of Arts and Crafts in Copenhagen. She has received four Fulbright grants, two to study and conduct research on silversmithing in Denmark and two to lecture in Austria and Uruguay. She has taught at Wheaton College, Skidmore College and San Diego State University, where she established the Jewelry and Metals program in 1961; she retired as Professor (Emerita) of Art in 2000.

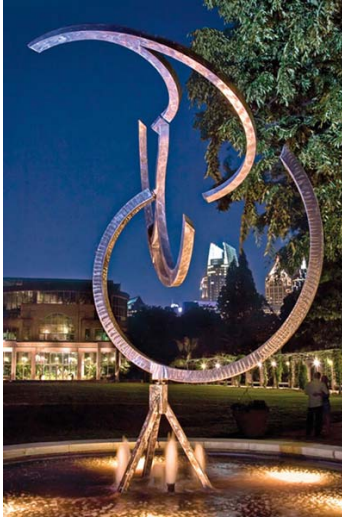
Fisch is best known for the way she handles metal using textile structures such as knitting, weaving and braiding, to produce pliable planes which conform readily to the human form. Her wearable art has a softness and warmth not always seen in metal. Fisch prefers working in a larger than usual scale, with collars, pectorals, head ornaments as favored formats. Although she works in precious metals - silver, gold, and platinum, anodized aluminum is also used in non-textile constructions to make colorful, wearable ornaments of large dimension. She has cited jewelry of ancient cultures, Etruscan, Egyptian, Greek, Pre-Columbian, as being a continuing reference and inspiration for her work.

In addition to being a Director and Vice President of the World Crafts Council and serving as Trustee of the American Craft Council and of Haystack Mt. School of Crafts she is a founding member and past President of the Society of North American Goldsmiths. In 1979 she was elected to the Fellows of ACC, and in 1985 was designated a "Living Treasure of California" by the California legislature for her work as artist, educator, author and contributor to the field of American crafts. In 2002 she received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Skidmore College, and in 2006 a \$50,000. fellowship award from United States Artists in support of her creative work. Arline Fisch's work has been widely exhibited in the United States, Europe, Asia and Australia and is represented in public collections around the world.

Arline Fisch is represented by [Taboo Studio](#)



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[Jeffery Laudenslager](#) - Mikoshi: 2008, Atlanta Botanical Garden 16 feet by 12 feet by 12 feet, stainless steel & titanium. Photo credit Ron Holt & Ellen McReney. Head shot credit: Sidney Wildesmith

Jeffery Laudenslager creates effects with his kinetic sculptures that range from the thrill of a near miss on a roller coaster ride to the peaceful satisfaction of a tai-chi routine. He works with titanium, which is lightweight and strong, for outdoor artworks that respond to the wind, completing complicated movement at varying speeds, always graceful and elegant but with an undeniable power. His designs are essentially made from arcs and angles, and this geometric approach offers a myriad of combinations that Laudenslager reduces to their most condensed expressions. Precision and balance are always present.

Laudenslager says, "Throughout my career I have constantly sought the most economical means at my disposal to convey my ideas. The reductive nature of my effort has made for an understated result true to my nature. I find that ambiguity and illusion are my principal characteristics. The context and form have had great diversity over the years but, as Isamu Noguchi said, *I do the same thing again and again - but differently each time.* What we call knowledge is actually more like belief; what our senses deliver to us is insubstantial, and what we refer to as temporality is omnipresent and insoluble." His non-kinetic pieces, whether small or large-scale, are illusionist riddles in patinaed and painted steel, so even his static sculptures appearing animated.

In 1999, Laudenslager's 34-foot high kinetic sculpture *Archimage*, commissioned for the Torrey Reserve complex in Del Mar, received the coveted Orchid Award in the Fine Arts category. With over 40 solo exhibitions, Laudenslager's sculptures can be found in corporate and public collections throughout the USA and in private collections in the U.S., England, Switzerland, Germany, Taiwan, and South Korea, including the Laguna Art Museum, The Woodlands in Texas, and the Wolfstein Sculpture Parks at Scripps Memorial Hospital La Jolla and Encinitas.

