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San Diego Art Prize 07/08 and “New Contemporary” recipients announced

Marcos Ramirez ERRE and emerging artist Allison Wiese first pair for the first show of the 07/08 season
September 30, 7 to 9 pm opening reception, Exhibition continues mid-Jan 15, 2008
[L Street Gallery](#) 628 L Street, San Diego, 92101 (Across from the Omni Hotel)
Gallery Hours: Tuesday - Saturday, 10 am - 5 pm

San Diego, CA. August 17, 2007 – The San Diego Art Prize is awarded each year to three established and three “new contemporaries” who have exhibited outstanding achievement in the field of Visual Arts. Both the established and emerging were nominated by professional visual arts leaders in the San Diego Art Community. In June 07 the three established artists were announced and given the task of selecting an emerging artist to mentor and exhibit with from the 17 artists in the New Contemporary exhibition at SimaySpace at the Art Academy. The following artists were selected from that show to be mentored in the coming season and to collaborate with on an exhibition at the L Street Fine Art Gallery, at the Omni Hotel. Each established artists will receive \$2500 and emerging artists \$1000. The choice was made with consideration of the display of the images together and is not a reflection of the quality of work not selected.

Marcos Ramirez ERRE selected Allison Wiese for the first exhibition of the season September 30 2007 – Jan 15
Roman De Salvo selected Lael Corbin for a show occurring at the end of January/February 2008.
Eleanor Antin selected Pamela Jaeger and will show in April/May 2008.

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 excellence in artistic expression. Our mission is to fuse energy for San Diego visual arts through mentorship, education, recognition, and collaboration. The [San Diego Visual Arts Network](#), SanDiegoArtist.com, [The Omni Hotel](#) and The Smart Family Foundation sponsor the San Diego Art Prize. SD Art Prize is a non-profit project and is supported by donations to [San Diego Visual Arts Network](#).



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Photos on requests to Ann Berchtold.

Quotes from 06/07 Recipients:

Raul Guerrero: "It has been a tremendous honor to be recognized by my community."

May-ling Martinez: "It is encouraging to know that we are part of an arts community willing and able to support its members in an admirable and proactive way."

Jean Lowe: ".....the program has really great positive energy."

Iana Quesnell: "The SD Art Prize has had a tremendous impact on the exposure I have received in the last year..."

Ernest Silva: "I believe the San Diego Art Prize is recognizing and promoting, nationally and internationally, an increasing awareness of the quality of the visual artists of this region."

The SD ART PRIZE is produced by The [Art Girls](#): Joan Seifried, Ann Berchtold and Patricia Frischer who volunteer their time and effort.

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