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Exhibition: *Reflections and Projections: 20 Years of the Individual Artist Awards*,

Dates: September 28, 2009 – January 22, 2010

Hours: Mon. – Friday, 8am – 6pm, Free to the Public

Location: Channing Peake Gallery, 1st floor County Administration Building, 105 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, CA

Opening Reception: 1st Thursday, Oct. 1, 5 – 8pm

Free Gallery Events:

- Friday, October 9, 12:15pm, Gallery walk-thru with Anette Kubitzka, Curator
- 1st Thursday, November 5, 6pm, Join us for an evening of ***Engaging Encounters*** – Mix it up with the curator and exhibition artists; hear artists discuss their work. Become inquisitive and become part of the dynamic SB art scene.

IMAGES ATTACHED: Terri Friedman, *Harmonic Swell*, 2007, acrylic medium on Plexiglas; Bob Debris, *Civil War, Moorpark*, 2009, photograph

Reflections and Projections: 20 Years of the Individual Artist Awards

The Arts Fund, in collaboration with The Santa Barbara County Arts Commission presents an exhibition, *Reflections and Projections: 20 Years of the Individual Artist Awards*, featuring new works by over 30 visual artists who have won The Arts Fund's prestigious Individual Artist Award (IAA). The IAA was created to recognize and reward artistic excellence in Santa Barbara County, and artist Channing Peake was one of the program's most passionate early supporters. Over 128 artists in the visual, performing and literary arts have received IAAs, which include a cash award and exhibition and performing opportunities in Santa Barbara. For a list of participating artists and all of The Arts Fund's IAA winners, please visit www.artsfundsb.org.

Curated by Anette G. Kubitzka, Ph.D. *Reflections and Projections* presents an exciting opportunity to see diverse range of creative talent nurtured in Santa Barbara County over the last 20 years. Kubitzka says, “*I feel fortunate to have been chosen to curate this retrospective. It is very exciting to meet this select group of artists and see the show come together with some very recent works - fresh from the framer, off the printing press, out of the kiln. The show will feature quite a variety of media, including: painting, print, sculpture, photography, and anything in between, while individual styles range from hyper-realism to entirely abstract.*”

According to Nina Dunbar, the executive director of The Arts Fund, “*For 20 years The Arts Fund has championed the importance of supporting local artists in our community. This exhibition presents a unique opportunity to review the collective impact that many of these artists had in influencing the aesthetic identity of Santa Barbara and beyond.*” The exhibition coincides with the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Arts Commission's Channing Peake Gallery. It's only fitting that The Arts Fund shares this anniversary celebration; Channing Peake was an early proponent of supporting emerging artists and would be proud of the legacy The Arts Fund has created in our community.

