

# Collector's Choice Raises Funds for Next Generation of Artists and Designers at Laguna College of Art and Design

LAGUNA BEACH, Calif., March 13, 2014 (SEND2PRESS NEWSWIRE) – The Laguna College of Art and Design (LCAD) announces its Collector's Choice 25th Anniversary Celebration from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 21, 2014 at the main campus, 2222 Laguna Canyon Road in Laguna Beach, CA, 92651.

The 25th Annual Collector's Choice honors Terry Smith and Wayne Peterson, as honorary chairs. Smith and Peterson, long-time Laguna Beach residents and community leaders, have supported the college and Collector's Choice since 2001. Smith has held various leadership positions as an LCAD trustee. Peterson is the former mayor of Laguna Beach. Both Smith and Peterson are active in the college's premiere support group, the President's Circle, which has championed student scholarships and other campus enhancements.

"With some of the most respected artists and designers in the world on our faculty, the Laguna College of Art and Design has an impressive reputation that places it among the finest in the nation," said President Jonathan Burke. "If you look at some of most prominent galleries, museums, movie studios, fashion and active design companies and gaming studios, you will find our faculty, students and alumni at work. Their accomplishments, in part, can be traced to the dedication and funds raised through our Collector's Choice event. Our donors and friends, such as Wayne and Terry, have empowered us to educate, challenge, inspire and place our students and alumni into positions of great influence."

Burke added that throughout its 25-year history, Collector's Choice has raised over \$1 Million for the LCAD fund, benefitting student scholarships, college growth and programs.

Collector's Choice Co-Chairs, Nelson Coates and Mary Ferguson, announced that attendees who reserve tables by March 30, 2013, which happens to be Vincent van Gogh's birthday, will receive a special gift of 25 raffle tickets (a \$250 value).

Co-Chairs Coates and Ferguson said, "Each year, art collectors, philanthropists and friends who love our students at the college, look forward to an exciting evening in our spectacular canyon setting. We are honored to celebrate the academic and artistic excellence of our students, faculty and alumni and friends."

More than 400 guests are expected to attend the annual summer evening that will include dinner and a variety of original artwork generously donated by professional artists, including faculty, alumni as well as students. A jazz

club, L' Apres Soiree, will open at the end of the evening to cap what will be a lively event.

Acclaimed artist, F. Scott Hess, Associate Professor of Laguna College of Art and Design MFA Program, lent the image of his painting, "Table 58" (2013, oil on canvas, 43.25 inches x 61.25 inches) courtesy of Koplin Del Rio, to the official 25th Anniversary invitation to Collector's Choice. Hess's painting, "Table 58" portrays a vivid scene from last year's Collector's Choice.

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### **About The Laguna College of Art and Design:**

Laguna College of Art and Design (LCAD) is one of an elite number of institutions that has both regional accreditation from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and national accreditation by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design. Founded in 1961 as the Laguna Beach School of Art, LCAD has grown to include five undergraduate majors and a graduate department. Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees are offered in Drawing and Painting, Illustration, Graphic Design, Animation, and Game Art. The graduate program awards a Master of Fine Arts in Drawing and in Painting. The college has received especially high marks for the use of technology and the liberal arts in its art and design curriculum. Graduates are career-ready and receive assistance from the Office of Career Services for the college's many contacts in art and visual industries, resulting in excellent job placement.

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