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**LOCAL ARTIST, PATRICK LACEY, BRINGS THE FAIR TO
CITY HALL ONE WEEK BEFORE OPENING DAY WITH HIS WORKS OF ART**
Lacy's newest exhibit "Local Color: An Artist's Take on Fresno" will debut October 1st

FRESNO, CALIFORNIA...SEPTEMBER 30, 2009...The Big Fresno Fair is proud to announce that one of its long-time artists and Plein Air participants, Patrick Lacey, will have his works of art on display at Fresno City Hall during the month of October. The exhibit, titled "Local Color: An Artist's Take on Fresno" includes 18 Plein Air paintings from The Big Fresno Fair, as well as 16 paintings of Downtown Fresno.

Lacy's pieces of art are from his entries in the Plein Air Competition dating all the way back more than 8 years. The Plein Air competition held annually at the Fair, arms Fresno County artists with an easel and then turns them loose on the Fairgrounds to paint different Fair scenery. The works of art are then displayed in the Fine Arts & Photography Building for Fair patrons to enjoy. For the 2009 Big Fresno Fair, the competition will take place on Wednesday, October 7th through Tuesday October 13th. Then judging on the works of art will take place on Tuesday, October 13th.

"Having Patrick Lacey's artwork on display at City Hall is truly a great treat for the people of Fresno," said Joe Levy, Building Supervisor of Fine Arts & Photography at The Big Fresno Fair. "His works of art depict landmark images at the Fair – both old and new – and truly are remarkable."

The exhibit, which is debuting exactly one week before Opening Day of the 2009 Big Fresno Fair, will be formally unveiled at Art Hop on Thursday, October 1st from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m.

To view the entire exhibit online, please visit www.patricklacey.com.

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