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THE BIG FRESNO FAIR ANNOUNCES WINNERS FOR FINE ARTS & PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT ENTRIES

FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, October 5, 2008...The Big Fresno Fair is pleased to announce the winners for the 2008 Big Fresno Fair's Fine Arts and Photography Building exhibit entries. From oil paintings to sculptures, beautiful photographs to unique street art, you'll find every type of art in the 2008 exhibit, and all have been created by local artists from every age and level of experience. You can find these winning artworks as well as many others on display for the entire run of this year's Big Fresno Fair which will run October 1st – 13th.

Only First and Second Place winners have been listed below. Visit the Fine Arts & Photography Building to see all of the winner's entries. Visit www.FresnoFair.com for more details.

Advanced Artists

Category: Oil Paint

1st Place –Willie Portis, "After the Storm"

2nd Place –Patrick J. Lacey, "Downtown Fresno Skyline"

Category: Acrylic Paint

1st Place –R. Berson Frye Jr., "Donald's World Famous Skyline"

2nd Place –David A. Dalgety, "Majestic Mustangs"

Category: Watercolor Painting

1st Place – Linda J. Erikson "Colombia Salmon Run 1946"

2nd Place –Chris Collier "Dream 4 Sale"

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Category: Tempura Painting

1st Place –Tommy D. Moreno, “Heath as the Joker”

Category: Gouache Painting

1st Place - Carole Deverick, “Ocean Floor”

Category: Advanced Graphics

1st Place – Robert Blanca, “Let’s Put A Smile On That Face”

2nd Place –Debbie Stevenson, “Iron Horses”

Category: Advanced Pastels

1st Place –Jeanneane Emerson, “In Thought”

2nd Place –Carole Love, “CA Detector Dog”

Category: Mixed Media

1st Place –Brandy Davis, “Hand Painted Feathers”

2nd Place –Valeria Runningwolf, “Spirit of Kachina”

Category: Sculptures

1st Place –Jerry Carr, “Nile Queen”

2nd Place –Simon Degruchy, “Ballerina”

Category: Clay Porcelain

1st Place –Amy Morgan, “Autumn Flight”

2nd Place –Dianna Googooian, “Transformation”

Category: Clay China Painting

1st Place –Norma Hazelton, “Pink Flowers”

2nd Place –Michele R. Zulim, “Untitled”

Category: Beading

1st Place –Michele R. Zulim, “Dream Pouch”

Category: Fiber Art

1st Place –Dee A. Beebe, “Water- A Farmers Life Line”

2nd Place –Terrance V. McAuthor, “Down in the Mouth”

Category: Jewelry

1st Place –Douglas May, “Jewelry II”

2nd Place –Debbie M. Stevenson, “Faux Enamel Horse”

Category: Glass Blown

1st Place - Jonna Richardson, “High Country Hike”

Beginning Artists

Category: Oil Paint

1st Place –Rudy T. Murrieta, “Frida”

2nd Place –Lupe M. Mendoza, “Tropical Forest”

Category: Acrylic

1st Place –Christine Bowman, “Cedar Waxwings”

2nd Place –Earl J. Taylor, “Old Time”

Category: Watercolor

1st Place –Marilyn Torchin, “White Flowers”

2nd Place –Judy H. Leas, “Waiting”

Category: Graphics

1st Place – Lois Christensen, “Amsterdam”

2nd Place –Carol J. Jones, “Ruth the Bride”

Category: Beginning Pastels

1st Place –Louie Hite, “Hemispheres”

2nd Place –Deborah Gauss “Gauss Girls”

Category: Beginning Tempura

1st Place –Peter Ratto, “A.J. Through My Brother’s Eyes”

Category: Mixed Media

1st Place –Best of Show - Stanley S. Ramstead “Gaurdians Gate Art Deco”

2nd Place – Muy C. Vue, “Vajtsav Cheermuag”

Category: Sculpture

1st Place –Gene (Red) Estes, “Junk Yard Dawgs to Wonder Dogs”

2nd Place –Waymond H. Buckner “Sea”

Category: Jewelry

1st Place –Karen L. Nishi “Jewelry”

Category: Fiber Art

1st Palce – Mary M. Johnson, “Study of Mary”

2nd Place –Janice E. Boyer, “Aj Through My Brother’s Eyes”

Category: Glass Blown

1st Place –Gloria E. Mariano, “Dichorio Glass Angel Pin”

2nd Place –Glenda W. Kluth “Deep Blue Sea”

Category: Theme

1st Place – Jerry Carr, “Salmon Fishing San Joaquin”

2nd Place –James K. Walls, “The Big One”

Photography

Category: Landscape

1st Place – Houston Bryant, “Yosemite Falls Moonlow”

2nd Place – Paul C. Libby, “Friant Road Sunset”

Category: Seascape

1st Place – Terry L. Garvin, “Bird Rock at Sunset”

2nd Place – Terry L. Garvin, “Morro Rock Pre-Dawn”

Category: Cityscape

1st Place – Donald Mason, “San Francisco Skyline”

2nd Place – Richard Bennett, “Golden Tallin”

Category: Architecture

1st Place – Susan Mott, “Reach for the Sky”

2nd Place – Paul Lebbby, “Yosemite Chapelin Winter”

Category: Cats Domestic

1st Place – Anna Marie Nersesian, “Noah”

2nd Place - Anna Marie Nersesian, “Noah and Chunky Monkey”

Category: Dogs Domestic

1st Place – Michael Sorsky, “Skipper”

2nd Place – Tara Slaton, “Black Tie Affair”

Category: Wild Animals

1st Place – Karen G. McClure, “Valley King”

2nd Place – Kathleen L. Vinnard, “Gecko and Red Grape”

Category: Birds & Insects

1st Place – Dean Laurence, “Call of the Wild 2”

2nd Place – Wayne Dixon, “Morro Bay Heron”

Category: People

1st Place – James Thorson, “Goodbye”

2nd Place – Ambria L. Davis, “Frankly My Dear...”

Category: Children

1st Place – Jim R. Yates, “Luke Sparrow”

2nd Place – Patrick Serban, “Junior Patriot”

Category: Flowers

1st Place – Madison Artist, “Apollo’s Flower” and Donald Mason, “New Bloom”

2nd Place – Donald G. Mason, “New Bloom”

Category: Plants & Trees

1st Place – Brittany Osburn, “Easter Sunday, La Casita”

2nd Place – Pat E. Gosland, “Conifer Trunk”

Category: Sports

1st Place – Ruben Santos, Jr., “Man Vs Animal”

2nd Place – Ryan T. Watamura, “Pismo”

Category: Silhouettes

1st Place – Jamie L. Sley “Love”

2nd Place – Carey H. Johnson, “Ferris Wheel at Santa Monica”

Category: Any other creative

1st Place – Dan Sniffen, “Palouse Hills Abstract”

2nd Place – Dan Sniffen, “Dunes Abstract”

Professional Photography

Category: Landscape

1st Place – Jon Shiu, “Lower Yosemite Falls”

2nd Place – Robert Hanford, “Bad Water”

Category: Seascape

1st Place – Jon Shiu, “River to Sea”

Category: Cityscape

1st Place – Donald Mason, “Acapulco, Mexico”

2nd Place – Carolyn Yvonne Mann, “Jesus is Lord”

Category: Plants & Trees

1st Place – Jon Shiu, “Wawona”

2nd Place – Linda Hayward “Trees”

Category: Sports

1st Place – Gary Stewart, “Bir Air”

2nd Place – Dean Lawrence, “Yee Hah”

Category: Architecture

1st Place – James Ranells, “Architecture at St. Agnes”

2nd Place – Jennifer Doenie, “Point Cabrillo Lighthouse”

Category: Cats Domestic

1st Place – Hart Broesel II, “Cowie”

2nd Place – Billey G.R. Avigdor Adams, “Cat with Magnolias”

Category: Dogs Domestic

1st Place – Deanna Hoffman, “Warmard Resting”

2nd Place – Ryan T. Watamura, “Gus”

Category: Wild Animals

1st Place – Dale R. Thompson, “Mother and Child”

2nd Place – Dale R. Thompson, “Margay Cat”

Category: Birds & Insects

1st Place – Michael Sorsky, “White Flight”

2nd Place – Michael Sorsky, “Disagreement”

Category: People

1st Place – Peggi Miller, “Happy Eyes”

2nd Place – Melvin Q. Unruh, “The Guitarist”

Category: Children

1st Place – Gary H. Stewart, “I Am Out of Here”

2nd Place – Melvin Unruh, “The Baby Austin”

Category: Flowers

1st Place - Jennifer L. Doerrie, “Camelia”

2nd Place - Jennifer L. Doerrie, “Dogwood Blossom”

Category: Sports

1st Place – Gary H. Stewart, “Bir Air”

2nd Place – Dean P. Lawrence, “Yee Hah!”

Category: Silhouettes

1st Place – Bethany Ruiz, “Among the Rocks”

2nd Place – Stewart Kukowski, “Mono Bay of Sunset”

Category: Any Other

1st Place – Thomas Fowler, “Japanese Garden Bridge”

2nd Place – Jamie Sley, “Rich”

Category: Computer

1st Place – Paul Lebby, “Cyprus Grape Crusher”

2nd Place – Paul Lebby, “Mariposa Wagon”

Category: Theme

1st Place – Elizabeth Bedard, “I Caught One”

2nd Place – Thomas Edholm, “End of Fly Fishing Day”

Category: Professional

1st Place –Rodney Gavroian, “Big Times in the Big Apple”

2nd Place – Kelly Breitweiser, “Untitled”

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