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Emerging Artists: Laine Justice, Andrew Sofie and Tramaine de Senna

Opening Preview Reception: Friday, February 11, 5-7pm

Exhibition Dates: February 11 - April 24, 2011

The three winners of the Sonoma County Artists Awards for Emerging Visual Artists for 2010 will be exhibiting in galleries throughout the Sonoma County Museum from February 11th to April 24th, 2011. The awardees will be present for the Opening Preview Reception. For the Opening Reception only, the artists will have additional work on display in the museum's main gallery. Meet the artists and hear them present their work formally on Friday, March 4th at 6pm for the special museum program: Emerging Artists' Talk.

Laine Justice received her BFA in Painting from Pratt University in 2003, she has a studio in Healdsburg. Her painting technique employs multi-media collage. "I always built things. Block towers, light bright pictures – I love arranging ideas. Before I discovered materials culture, painting seemed flat. Then objects: interference colors, foils, crystals, pigments, and powdered glass moved into my work. Back to beginnings. Always building on an endless supply of curiosity followed by wonder." ~LJ

Andrew Sofie received his BFA in Sculpture from Sonoma State University in 2009, he works in digital media. "Splitting resources between multiple interest schemes and research patterns, I am pursuing semi-automated construction systems for both art and product. With deep interest in the intersection of high technology and human existence, I create works with projection, in print and with fabricated objects." ~AS

Tramaine de Senna received her BA from UC Berkeley in 2004, she lives and works in Sebastopol. Her art takes the form of large-scale drawings, performances and film. "I confess, I am a material girl – a materialist. I take pleasure in the process of understanding the inner worlds of materials. With meticulous patience and alchemy, my technique is to transform simple materials into different states of matter – my art." ~TdS

Established in 2006, the Emerging Visual Artist Award program recognizes three artists every year: emerging visual artists in one year and artists in the performing, music and literary arts the next. The artists are nominated and selected by professionals in the arts, arts organizations, academia, etc. This exhibition is curated and presented by the Sonoma County Museum. The Awards are produced by the Arts Council of Sonoma County and funded by the Community Foundation of Sonoma County.

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About Sonoma County Museum:

Founded in 1985, the Sonoma County Museum is the region's only art and history museum with a collection of over 20,000 objects.

Through the preservation of collections and the presentation of exhibitions and programs, the Museum attracts more than 28,000 people annually. As its flagship program, the Museum & Schools Program is ongoing throughout the school calendar year and provides students and teachers with free/subsidized bussing, guided tours of the museum, hands-on materials for additional learning, and free Educator Guides for teachers – following CA State Content Standards.

For more information, please visit the Museum's website at www.sonomacountymuseum.org.

Hours:

Tuesday – Sunday, 11am -5pm, Closed Major Holidays

Admission:

\$5 general, \$2 for students & seniors

Location:

425 7th Street
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

Website:

www.sonomacountymuseum.org

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