

"All in the Flow" Exhibits at Quarry Cove Art Gallery, Rockaway Beach Avenue,
Reception, Saturday, May 6, 2-4 pm

Multimedia artist and painter Mark Bray and ceramic artist Vincent Ayala both have followed the flow of their artistry and process to create this stunning exhibit of 41 art pieces, which the Pacifica Art Connection proudly presents.

Mark Bray ignites the imagination with his series "Eyes of the Universe," a set of 23 abstract paintings that suggest the movement of energy, matter, and knowledge in the universe. Bray is a risk-taker who fuses expressionism, minimalism, Chinese calligraphy, graffiti, and street art. He uses the "direct painting" approach: Each stroke he makes will stand as part of the final art piece. Comprising broad, flowing strokes, patterns, brilliant swaths, splashes of color, and digital imagery, each painting invites contemplation and a multiplicity of interpretations. Each defies adequate description, but a sampling of his titles, "The Microcosmic Butterfly Effect," "Luminous Distribution," and "Illusionary Motion" provide a preview to "Eyes of the Universe."

Co-exhibitor and ceramic artist Vincent Ayala exhibits an 18-piece collection of his ceramics. Ayala's artistry in ceramics arises from his deep understanding of clay, his skill on the wheel, and his intrinsic sense of beauty. Ayala says, it is "all in the flow" when he describes his firing process in a wood-burning kiln that requires continuous stoking of the fire for 3-4 days to reach temperatures of close to 2,435 degrees. The heat of the fire, the ash deposits from various wood types, and the dripping of glaze residue interact to create his unique ceramic surfaces. Three standout pieces include his sea foam glazed vase, his vessel fired in the ash bed, and his soda-fired vase, all of which illustrate his range as a potter and an artist who enjoys the flow of the process.

You are invited to attend a reception with the artists on Saturday, May 6 from 2 to 4 p.m. "All in the Flow" is exhibited through Saturday, June 3. Quarry Cove Art Gallery is at 225 Rockaway Beach Avenue, next to Avani Salon. The gallery is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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