

Mark Eanes at Sanchez Art Center

Sanchez Art Center celebrates the season of summer with three new exhibitions, featuring *Layers* by painter and mixed media artist Mark Eanes; award-winning photographers in the *Fog Fest Invitational*; and *Wild*, a group show by Art Guild of Pacifica. The opening reception for all three shows is on Friday, June 1, from 7 to 9 pm, with music by Julie & Brian Novak-McSweeney of Blue City Jazz.

On view in the Main Gallery is Mark Eanes' exhibition titled *Layers*. The exhibit includes large mixed media paintings alongside his photographs that inspired and inform the paintings. Eanes' work presents a rich tapestry of colors and shapes that manages to be both quiet and spare while also being deeply engaging and satisfying. Says the artist, "My painting process consists of many layers...time and material. When I'm in the studio nothing else matters. Time is irrelevant. No plans for the future, no past regrets." This combination of dedication and lightheartedness shines through his work and allows us to feel that kind of joy and freedom as well.

A longtime resident of Benicia, Eanes is currently an Associate Professor at California College of the Arts (CCA), where he has taught for over 28 years. Eanes has shown his paintings throughout California as well as nationally and internationally. His solo exhibitions include the Parsons School of Design in Paris, the Patricia Sweetow and Michael Dunev Galleries in San Francisco, Fairfield Center for the Arts, Dominican College in San Rafael, the Mill Valley Arts Commission Gallery, and the Hanford Center for the Arts. Eanes' work is in numerous private and corporate collections, nationally and internationally, and has been shown at the Triton Museum of Art, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art Artists Gallery, the Etra Gallery in Miami, the Ruth Bacofner Gallery in Los Angeles, and the San Paulo Biennale. He is currently represented by the Jen Tough Gallery in Benicia and the JayJay Gallery in Sacramento.

To learn more about Mark Eanes and his work, visit the show and then come to his Artist Talk on Sunday, July 1, at 3:30 pm in the Main Gallery. This series of free Artist Talks has been described as one of the most interesting and informative events at the art center.

Also opening June 1 is the *Fog Fest Invitational*, featuring work by award-winning local photographers in the East Gallery. Each September, Sanchez Art Center coordinates the annual photo contest at the Pacific Coast Fog Fest; then the following spring, the art center hosts an award winners' exhibition. The photo contest award winners will enjoy their own show in the East Gallery, shared with our three acclaimed judges, Alan Grinberg, Edwin Hacking, and Sharron L. Walker. On Friday, June 15, the public is invited to a Special Reception and Gallery Walk in the East Gallery from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

Concurrently, the Art Guild of Pacifica offers an exhibit in West Gallery on the theme of *Wild*, which may include any interpretation of the word, including uncontrolled,

unrestrained, not domesticated or cultivated, a natural state or uninhabited region, or any other interpretation of the word “wild.” Come see how many variations appear!

Sanchez Art Center is at 1220 Linda Mar Blvd in Pacifica, about a mile east of Highway 1. Following opening night, the galleries are open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 1–5 pm, and by appointment, through July 1. For more information, call 650.355.1894 or visit SanchezArtCenter.org.