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LIBRARY MARKS A MILESTONE HOSTING THE TENTH DRAWING EXHIBITION

Works by Seven San Diego-Area Artists to be Featured

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego Public Library organized nine highly acclaimed drawing exhibitions between 2000 and 2011. In the first year at the new Central Library @ Joan Λ Irwin Jacobs Common we are pleased to present *Intersecting Lines: The Tenth Invitational Drawing Show*. Like its predecessors, this exhibition showcases San Diego-based artists applying a broad range of concept, media, and process to demonstrate the value of this quintessential image-making technique.

Beyond the simplicity of lines on a surface, drawings provide an infinite possibility of creative output. The seven artists featured in this anniversary event challenge our assumptions of the medium by working with traditional as well as unexpected materials, including charcoal, ink, gouache, cut paper, graphite, watercolor, acrylic, and glass. Many of the pieces balance between the profound and the political, while others use uncompromising humor and candor to contribute social and cultural commentary. The result is work that is at once boldly expressive and delicately severe. All of the artists draw with skillful and unerring precision, some creating works that incorporate traditional figure drawing and narrative, while others explore conceptual ideas and abstraction. *Intersecting Lines* not only examines the convergence of different media, meaning, and conceptual creativity, but ardently celebrates the vitality and energy that is so pervasive in drawing today.

Curated by Kara West, the Library's new Arts and Culture Exhibition Manager, featured artist include Joshua Eggleton, John Halaka, May-ling Martinez, Jessica McCambly, Bhavna Mehta, Herbert Olds, and Marisol Rendón.

Intersecting Lines opens April 26, 2014 in the Art Gallery on the 9th Floor of the new Central Library. It will run through July 12. A reception for the participating artists is planned for Saturday, April 26, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The exhibition and reception are open to the public and admission is free.

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The San Diego Public Library's Visual Arts Program is a nationally recognized series of exhibitions that demonstrate the Library's role as a cultural institution embracing a broad range of disciplines, while assisting San Diego's mid-career and older professional artists in achieving wider local, regional, and national attention.

The Program is part of *On View*, the San Diego Public Library commitment to provide a dynamic and ever responsive Library Arts and Culture Exhibition Program. Rotating exhibitions can be enjoyed at many of the 35 branch libraries as well as in the fine art gallery and Valeiras Sculpture Garden on the ninth floor of the new Central Library @ Joan Λ Irwin Jacobs Common. *On View* programs allow free access to cultural exhibitions and the visual arts, while promoting San Diego artists and creative community groups.

Additional information on the current exhibition and *On View* are available on the Library's website at <u>www.sandiegolibrary.org</u>.

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