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The 29th Annual Fall Art Auction at the San Jose Institute of Contemporary Art

**Exhibition: October 2 – 24; Auction: Saturday, October 24
Online Auction Gallery Now On View**



Gary Ruddell, *Sue*, 2006, oil on canvas, 20 inches x 16 inches,
Courtesy of the Artist and Dolby Chadwick Gallery, SF

August 2009, SAN JOSE, CA – The Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA) in San Jose is proud to present its signature *Annual Fall Art Exhibition and Auction*. Now in its 29th year, this comprehensive exhibition of more than 100 art works by some of the hottest artists in the Bay Area opens with a special member-only exhibition preview from 5pm to 6pm on Friday, October 2nd. A public reception is scheduled from 6pm to late during the popular South First Friday Gallery Walk in downtown San Jose's SoFA arts and entertainment district.

The exhibition culminates with a live auction of spirited bidding on Saturday, October 24th; doors open at 6pm and auction bidding begins promptly at 7pm.

An image gallery of the artwork is now available online at www.sjica.org.

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This long-standing art event provides a unique opportunity to art lovers and collectors who are looking for world-class artwork created by the region's most established artists and its rising stars whose work reflect the scope of the Bay Area's vibrant and eclectic styles and interest. Auction goers can bid on a range of work including paintings, photographs, mixed media and installation pieces, and sculpture. All proceeds from the evening support the ICA's innovative exhibitions and educational programming.

To accompany an evening of lively and competitive bidding, champagne and savory hors d'oeuvres are donated by some of the South Bay's finest restaurants. Auction tickets are \$40 if purchased before October 24th. Tickets purchased at the door are \$50 each. Call 408.283.8155, or email lis@sjica.org for ticket reservations.

The ICA will extend its gallery hours during the exhibition run as follows: Monday through Thursday, 10am-5pm; Friday, 10am-8pm; and Saturday, Noon to 5pm. Admission to the exhibition is free. For up-to-date exhibition and auction information and to view images of auction artwork, please visit the ICA online at www.sjica.org.

The 29th Annual Fall Art Auction is made possible in part through the generous support of Metro, Silicon Valley's weekly newspaper.

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The San Jose Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA) is an energetic art space located in downtown San Jose dedicated to making contemporary art accessible and exciting to audiences of all ages and backgrounds. Exhibitions are presented in three galleries that display the most current, relevant and often challenging art from the region, the nation and the world. The ICA is activated by opening receptions, South First Friday gallery walks, after-dark programming in the front windows, panel discussions, printmaking workshops, brown bag lunches and impromptu conversations in the galleries. Admission is always free.

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