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Alameda County Arts Commission announces new opportunities for Alameda County artists.

(Oakland, California) – The Alameda County Arts Commission is offering new opportunities for Alameda County artists to have their artwork considered for the *Alameda County Art Collection*. Artists who make two-dimensional, low-relief, or wall sculptural artwork, and artists at all levels of professional development are invited to apply. More than \$200,000 is available to purchase existing artwork and to commission artists to create new works of art. Through the Artwork Purchase Program *existing* artwork will be acquired and installed at County buildings. The Small Scale Artwork Commission Program will commission artists to make *new* works of art to be installed at the Juvenile Justice Center and the Sobering and Detoxification Centers. Artists interested in creating artwork for the communities served at these unique facilities are strongly encouraged to apply. Artists will be asked to create works with positive themes that contribute to a safe and supportive environment. The County's art collection includes artwork that illuminates the history, culture, language, and traditions of this region; engenders a sense of continuity and belonging among the members of our community; and promotes understanding of cultural values and perspectives of all people. A selection panel appointed by the Arts Commission and comprised of arts professionals, County staff, and community representatives will select the artists and artwork. The final selections must be approved by the Arts Commission Board. Applications for these opportunities must be submitted online through the CaFÉ™ website, www.callforentry.org (search for "Alameda County"). A free technical application workshop will be held at the Alameda County Conference Center (125 12th Street at Oak, Oakland) on Thursday, April 3 at 1pm. Space is limited; call the Arts Commission Office to make a reservation. The deadline for the Purchase Program is May 30, 2008 and the deadline for the Small Scale Artwork Commission Program is June 30, 2008. These opportunities are open to practicing, professional visual artists who live, are permanently employed, or rent/own an artist's studio in Alameda County. Qualified professional artists, including women and African American, Latino/Chicano, Native American, and Asian/Pacific Islander artists and artists with disabilities are encouraged to apply. Further details about these opportunities are available at the Arts Commission website www.acgov.org/arts or by contacting the Arts Commission Office at (510) 208-9646.

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