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LAGUNA BEACH ART STUDIO TOUR SATURDAY, APRIL 12

The Sawdust Art Festival's Annual Art Studio Tour brings visitors to the private studios of Laguna's most interesting artists.

Laguna Beach, CA – Every April, the artists of Laguna Beach join together to participate in the **Sawdust Art Festival's Art Studio Tour**, opening their private studios for an “up close and personal” look into their creative worlds.

“The Art Studio Tour offers a rare chance to meet artists in their studios and get a glimpse at what their creative processes – and lives – are like,” said Tour Director Rebecca Meekma. “Some studios are state-of-the-art spaces while others are in hilltop homes with incredible views. It's really interesting to see how the studio setting can inspire the art produced.”

Morning, Afternoon and Full-Day Tours are offered; all tours begin and end at the Sawdust Art Festival. Tours include guided transportation to the studios; intimate group size; extensive visits with each artist including art demonstrations, discussion and the opportunity to purchase; and admission to the Artists' Reception, 5 – 6:30 p.m. at the Sawdust's Gallery 935.

Participating Artists: **Brian Allan**, Painting; **Paulette Auster**, Painting; **John Barber**, Art Glass; **Randy Bader**, Woodcraft; **Olivia Batchelder**, Silk Painting & Clothing; **Dedre Bickler**, Painting; **Marc Blumenfeld**, Ceramics; **Donita Lloyd**, Painting; **Jesse J Miller**, Mixed Media – Surf Art; **Karen Petty**, Painting; **Skip Roma**, Chinese Brush Painting; **Julie Setterholm**, Copper Enamel Jewelry &

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Sculpture; **Marsh Scott**, Encaustics and Sculpture; **Pat Sparkuhl**, Mixed Media; **Ralph Tarzian**, Sculpture; **Rachel Uchizono**, Painting; **Cliff Wassmann**, Photography & Realism; **Sandra Weir**, Water Colors.

To purchase tickets, please call 949-494-3030 during business hours. Morning or Afternoon Tour tickets are \$45; Full-Day Tours \$80. Please visit www.SawdustArtFestival.org for additional information.

Support for this program is received from the Lodging Establishments and City of Laguna Beach.

The Sawdust Art Festival thanks its partners: The Laguna Beach Independent; Starbucks Coffee Company – Store 512/Downtown Laguna Beach; Kendall-Jackson Fine Wines and Grolsch Beer.

The Sawdust Art Festival is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing the public with the opportunity to enjoy and appreciate the art and culture created in Laguna Beach.

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