



## **CSUCI Exhibitions Gallery features: 'Hang On To Your Ego: Visions of California through Skateboard Art'**

Camarillo, Calif., Dec. 12, 2007-CSUCI Exhibitions gallery in Camarillo announced its next show will be a curated group exhibition titled: "Hang On To Your Ego: Visions of California through Skateboard Art." The show will begin Thursday, Dec. 13, 2007, and continue through Friday, Jan. 25, 2008. There will be a reception for the artists at the gallery from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 13. The reception is open to the public.

CSUCI Exhibitions is located at 92 Palm Drive in "Old Town" Camarillo, Calif., 93010. Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"Hang On To Your Ego: Visions of California through Skateboard Art" features striking new artworks created by a host of CSUCI faculty, alumni, and students. Each of the 21 artists explores contemporary, historical, and personal views of life in the Golden State.

"What makes the show unique is the fact that all of the artworks have been custom designed and printed on actual skateboard decks for the exhibition," said Luke Matjas, Assistant Professor of design in the CSUCI Art Program and curator of the exhibition. "The surface and shape are very distinctive; in many ways this is an unheralded medium, especially in a prototypical art gallery, but nevertheless it's naturally suited for this subject matter."

"The concept of combining a skateboard and my vision of California was a fun and interesting challenge," said contributing artist and California native Larry Lytle. Lytle's skateboard, entitled, "Another Myth from the Golden State," incorporates a wall of uncomfortably close-cropped action figure portraits. On one hand, this stacked grid of photographs seems to catalog the archetypal blonde and bronzed party goers at Barbie and Ken's dream home, but on the other, this "wall" might more ironically resonate with California's politically charged climate.

Other artists in the exhibition explore a range of compelling issues faced by the state, but likewise investigate California's individualism, its palette, and its inimitable aesthetic character.

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