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PRESS RELEASE

May 15th is the Deadline for Two Important Opportunities for the Arts Community of Alameda County

Visual Arts Are Invited to Submit Artwork for Purchase & Community Members Are Invited to Nominate Arts Leaders

(*Oakland, California*) – May 15th is the deadline for two important opportunities offered through the Alameda County Arts Commission. Alameda County artists can apply to have their artwork considered for the County's Art Collection and community members can submit nominations for the 2015 Alameda County Arts Leadership Awards.

Through the Alameda County Artwork Purchase Program existing artwork will be acquired and installed at County buildings for the benefit and enjoyment of the general public. Professional artists who make two-dimensional or low-relief, wall-mounted artwork are invited to apply. More than \$100,000 is available to purchase artwork. Through the Artwork Purchase Program, the County collects high-quality artwork and promotes the wide range of artistic talent and expression in Alameda County. Application must be submitted online through the CaFÉ[™] website, <u>www.callforentry.org</u> (search for "Alameda County"). This opportunity is open to practicing, professional visual artists who live, work, or rent/own an artist's studio in Alameda County.

The **2015** Alameda County Arts Leadership Awards is an annual program that enables the Alameda County Arts Commission to recognize five individuals, one from each of the five districts of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors, for their outstanding achievements and contributions impacting the arts community and the residents of Alameda County. Award recipients will be presented to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors by the Arts Commission. Nominees must be residents of Alameda County.

Nominations must be submitted online at <u>www.acgov.org/arts/awards</u>. For more information about these opportunities, contact the Office of the Arts Commission at artscommission@acgov.org or (510) 208-9646.