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*Echo of the Whole: Call For Entries '08-'09*

On View: August 1 - October 18, 2009

Opening Reception: Saturday, August 1, 2009, 6-8 PM



**Adrienne Allebe**  
*Centrifuge*, 2007  
Acrylic wash and Prisma pencil on paper  
mounted on panel  
24 x 30 inches



**Stephanie Dotson**  
*Paperrun*, 2008 (Detail)  
Vinyl, etching, and relief installation  
48 x 84 inches



**Tera Galanti**  
*For Ruby*, 2009  
Oil on canvas  
2.5 x 4 inches



**Servando Garcia**  
*Searching*, 2009  
Oil on canvas  
33 x 53 inches

**Santa Barbara, CA**—Celebrate SB's local arts scene with CAF! It's that time of year again, the Santa Barbara Contemporary Arts Forum (CAF) is pleased to announce its annual **Call For Entries (CFE)** exhibition bringing together four regional artists selected during last year's competitive open-call program.

"Gather a shell from the strown beach/And listen at its lips: they sigh/The same desire and mystery,/ The echo of the whole sea's speech." The title of this year's **Call For Entries** exhibition, *Echo of the Whole*, is excerpted from Dante Gabriel Rossetti's poem titled *The Sea Limits*. Like the shells in this poem, the selected Tri-County artists—Adrienne Allebe, Stephanie Dotson, Tera Galanti, and Servando Garcia—echo the artistic practices and characteristics found within the art world as a whole, and reflect the many sides of Santa Barbara County's own diverse artistic region.

**CFE** is an annual juried exhibition open to all visual artists living and/or working within Santa Barbara, Ventura, and San Luis Obispo counties. This program is designed to encourage artists from the local community to present new work in relation to the alternative arts context of CAF. **CFE** reflects CAF's mission to sustain and encourage contemporary art and artists—ensuring that creative expression and appreciation flourishes in and beyond our community. CAF will open the application process for next year's exhibition '09-'10 at the beginning of July. Additional information for the '09-'10 selection process will be made available on our website by July 8, 2009.

Also on view

**Bloom Projects:** Kim Fisher, *New Work*

For her exhibition in Santa Barbara, LA-based painter Kim Fisher's new works focus on a study of



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**Kim Fisher**  
*Labradorite 31*, 2004  
Oil on linen  
80 x 70 inches

seashells, inspired by the world-renowned collection found at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History. Since being introduced to the collection by CAF's Executive Director in the summer of 2008, Fisher has been invited back by the institute's researchers, to explore their archives. At CAF, Fisher will present large sculpturally abstract shell paintings based on this unique collaboration between the arts and science.

Fisher's artistic practice lies in collage studies she culls from fashion magazine pages, that are then translated into highly abstracted, layered, and complex paintings, so optically precise that they could be mistaken for photographs. Though Fisher has rendered other natural objects—like the phases of the moon—the exhibition at CAF will be the first to exhibit her new body of work concentrated on seashells.

Kim Fisher received her M.F.A. from Otis College of Art and Design in 1998, and her B.F.A. from the University of California in 1996, both in Los Angeles, CA. She has had solo exhibitions at China Art Objects, Los Angeles, CA; John Connelly Presents, New York, NY; and the Modern Institute, Glasgow, UK. Fisher exhibits internationally and participated in the 2004 *Whitney Biennial* at The Whitney Museum of American Art, NY and the 2004 *California Biennial* at the Orange County Museum of Art in Newport Beach, CA.

The Santa Barbara Contemporary Arts Forum (CAF) is a non-profit, non-collecting alternative art space dedicated to the exhibition, education, and cultivation of the arts of our time. Celebrating its 33<sup>rd</sup> anniversary in 2008, CAF is the premier venue for contemporary art between Los Angeles and San Francisco. **Images available upon request. For more information, contact Lauren Mermel at 805.966.5373 ext 104 or go online to [www.sbcaf.org](http://www.sbcaf.org).**

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