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Left: Master of Ceremonies Cecia Hess of the SBMA Women's Board oversees the random drawing to determine who selects a piece of art next at Off The Wall. Right: *Float*, by Cayetana Conrad, is one of the pieces featured in this year's Off The Wall event.

The Fine Art of Chance at "OFF THE WALL"

SBMA Women's Board Hosts Popular Fundraising Event on April 26

February 24, 2014 - With fanfare and fun, the Santa Barbara Museum of Art (SBMA) Women's Board hosts its popular Off The Wall fundraising event for the fourth time on Saturday, April 26 at 6 pm at the Museum's Ridley-Tree Education Center at McCormick House, located at 1600 Santa Barbara Street. First held in 2009, Off The Wall has grown into an increasingly important and highly visible part of the Santa Barbara art scene.

Fast-paced and always exciting, Off The Wall sends every ticket holder home with a piece of original art. The evening begins with drinks and hors d'oeuvres in the garden. The action then moves indoors, where paintings, sculptures, photographs, and other types of art line the walls of the McCormick House. The main event starts with a live

auction for the first, second, and third art picks. After that, a random drawing determines who chooses next.

“We’re lucky to have this intimate and inviting space where everyone can get up close and personal with the art,” said event co-chair Karen Chin. “You literally take down a piece of art and walk away.”

The stars of the evening are the more than 100 local and regional artists who generously donate their work to support the event. Contributing artists this year include Rick Garcia, Meredith Brooks Abbott, Whitney Brooks Abbott, Rafael Gaete, Joan Tanner, Ralph Waterhouse, Cayetana Conrad, and Rafael Perea de la Cabada.

To honor participating artists, the Women’s Board will host an Artist Reception on Friday, April 25. In addition, ticket holders can preview the art from Wednesday, April 23 through Friday, April 25, as well as online at www.sbmawb.org.

Tickets are \$350. Each ticket admits two people who select one piece of art. To buy a ticket or view artist information, please visit the Women’s Board website at www.sbmawb.org. All proceeds support the Santa Barbara Museum of Art acquisitions, exhibitions, and education programs.

For information about the event or to learn about sponsorship opportunities, please contact Karen Kawaguchi at 805-884-6428 or kkawaguchi@sbma.net.

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