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CALIFORNIA COOL ART EXHIBIT BRIGHTENS THE HALLS AT THE RITZ-CARLTON, LAGUNA NIGUEL

Laguna Gallery of Contemporary Art presents a bold and colorful new art exhibit with works from 11 California artists







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DANA POINT, Calif. – January 21, 2020 – The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel welcomes back <u>Laguna Gallery of Contemporary Art</u> to the oceanfront resort's rotating art gallery space with the new exhibit, *California Cool*. Now on display until May 2020, the contemporary-inspired exhibit features 23 vibrant pieces by 11 local artists, highlighting California's natural environment with cool ocean blues, whimsical glass butterflies, and coral colored skies. With the resort neighboring artist enclave of Laguna Beach, the new exhibit provides guests and art enthusiasts alike to enjoy a cultural-meets-local escape and the opportunity to purchase a piece to take home with them.

Bridgette Shaw, exhibit curator and owner of Laguna Gallery of Contemporary Art, introduces unique artwork to each exhibit. With *California Cool*, a must-see artwork includes "She's the One" by Ricky Hunt, a black and white piece made entirely of string and nails that depicts a picture of a woman's face. New to the exhibit, artist Karl SoCal features two pieces of spray paint on composite brick, one in which reimagines the work of Banksy – an iconic English street artist. All of the artwork within the exhibit features different mediums like acrylic, house paint, oil, mixed media, hand blown glass, and more. Art on display includes:

- Karl SoCal / "Waiting in Vain: A Revision of Banksy" / Spray Paint on Composite Brick
- Karl SoCal / "Wall Street" / Spray Paint and Glitter on Composite Brick
- Ricky Hunt / "She's The One" / String, Nails on Wood Panel
- Ricky Hunt / "Open Tension 9" / Acrylic on Wood with Resin
- Adolfo Girala / "Meditation" / Acrylic with Minerals
- Nic McGuire / Hand Blown Glass Butterflies
- Diana Carey / "Sunset Beach" / House Paint
- Diana Carey / "Molokai" / House Paint
- Kym De Los Reyes / "Pray for Surf" / Acrylic
- Kym De Los Reyes / "Hope Floats" / Acrylic
- Kym De Los Reyes / "Love Connection" / Acrylic
- Greg Stogner / "Turbulence" / Mixed Media on Wood
- Greg Stogner / "Sky Dance" / Mixed Media on Wood
- Greg Stogner / "Enduring Heart" / Mixed Media on Wood
- Robin Hiers / "Look of Love" / Acrylic
- Jessica Osborne / "Good Days Only" / Acrylic
- Jessica Osborne / "Day in Newport" / Acrylic

- Jessica Osborne / "Sweet Escape" / Acrylic
- Jessica Osborne / "Day Dreaming" / Acrylic
- Clovis / "That's Deep" / Acrylic
- Clovis / "I'm Not Blue" / Acrylic
- Clovis / "Destination Green" / Acrylic
- Tania Alcala / "Trust" / Acrylic on Wood with Resin

Guests can purchase the art by contacting Bridgette Shaw with the Laguna Gallery of Contemporary Art at 949.677.8373.

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About The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel

The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel opened in August 1984 as the first Ritz-Carlton resort atop a 150-foot seaside bluff with panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean and direct access to more than three miles of sandy beach. Presented against an extraordinary backdrop, the re-imagined surfside retreat redefines the guest experience by creating distinctive and unforgettable moments that embrace its oceanfront setting – from sea-inspired spa treatments and locally sourced restaurant menus to ocean view accommodations, family-friendly eco-adventure excursions, and unique surfboard displays. The seaside property offers 396 guestrooms and suites with personal patios or balconies, along with six distinctive dining outlets, an intimate Ritz-Carlton Spa, a dedicated Eco-Adventure Center, and unrivaled activities that embrace the surroundings. The iconic resort emphasizes unparalleled Ritz-Carlton service while delivering a genuine experience with a playful approach to luxury. Follow The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel on Instagram, Twitter, or Facebook.

About Laguna Gallery of Contemporary Art

Laguna Gallery of Contemporary Art (LGOCA) is a unique contemporary gallery showcasing top regional and international artists. The Galleries emphasis is on emerging and mid-career artists working with a variety of mediums. Many of the artists have philanthropic causes creating a combination of caring hearts and cutting edge art. LGOCA offers a diverse mixture of paintings, sculpture, bronze, fused glass and metal creations. Not your typical white walled gallery affair, LGOCA promises to engage you in an experience you won't find anywhere else.