

**PALM SPRINGS ART MUSEUM ANNOUNCES ARTISTS COUNCIL JURIED
EXHIBITION WINNERS**

Best of Show Winner:
"High Desert," by Janet Cass
Oil on canvas, 2006

PALM SPRINGS (January 30, 2008) - The Palm Springs Art Museum announced today the winners of its 2008 Artists Council Juried Exhibition. The exhibition will run from January 30 until March 9, 2008 and expresses the creative pulse of the local art scene through more than 50 innovative works of art. The top winners of the exhibition include:

- Best of Show: Janet Cass, "High Desert" (pictured above)
- First Place: Zoe Ann Fischer, "Ice Crystals in the Sky"
- Second Place: Donald Schmidt, "Lady Rage"
- Third Place: Dennis Beech, "Door at the Martinez House, Taos, NM"

This exciting exhibition was drawn from the Artist Councils' 350 members who submitted more than 125 works of art. This year's juror, Mary Kay Stolz, selected the final 60 pieces that are on display in the Art Museum's Jorgensen Gallery and the Marks Graphics Center. The work ranges across diverse media and styles, including sculpture, painting and photography.

The art work in the exhibition will be available for purchase through a new silent auction application that can be accessed from a computer in the Art Museum or on the Art Museum's web site at <http://www.psmuseum.org/auction>. The silent auction will run for the duration of the exhibition and will show the current bid price for each work. The silent auction will be open until 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 6th when the bidding will end and the highest bid will win the artwork. On the evening of March 6, the Artist Council will hold a live auction where participants will have a chance to bid on the exhibition's 17 award-winning works.

“We are extremely impressed by the quality of the submissions for this Juried Exhibition,” said Dennis Jory, President of the Artist Council Board of Governors. “The Juror had a difficult time choosing just the work for the exhibition, but we feel that she has chosen the best of the submissions. We are excited that the new on-line bidding process will open the silent auction up to anyone and allow participants to check the status of their bid whenever they wish.”

Thirty percent of the proceeds of each sale will directly benefit the Palm Springs Art Museum and Artists Council, supporting two yearly exhibitions, artist demonstration programs, and workshops for adults.

The Juror for the exhibition, Mary Kay Stolz, currently serves as the Creative Director of the Film & TV Costume Design Advanced Study Program at FIDM (Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising). She developed the curriculum and founded the program in 2000 and writes the course outlines, hires the faculty, selects the students, and oversees the many guest speakers, field trips and internships. She received her B. F. A. in Fashion Design from Washington University in St. Louis in 1972.

The Artists Council is one of nine support councils of the Art Museum. In addition to sponsoring two annual juried exhibitions, the Artist Council also hosts “Artists in Action” demonstrations and conducts studio workshops throughout the regular season teaching such topics as watercolor, printmaking, and mixed media.

Located downtown in an architecturally-significant E. Stewart Williams-designed building, the Palm Springs Art Museum features exciting exhibitions of contemporary, Native American, Western and Pre-Columbian art in spacious galleries. It features two sculpture gardens, stimulating lectures and educational programs for all ages, and offers diverse performances at its Annenberg Theater. The Art Museum is open six days a week; Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Thursday from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. Admission is free to members; \$12.50 for adults; \$10.50 for seniors 62 and over; \$5 for students and active-duty military with I.D. and free for youths 17 and under. For more information, call 760.332.4800 or visit www.psmuseum.org.

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