

TALKING HEADS

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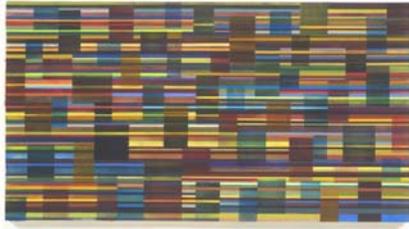
The Huntington Beach Art Center is presenting a group exhibition that features the works of four artists from the core faculties of Art Departments of Southern California Graduate Universities. A variety of media is explored including a large scale drawing by **Joseph Biel** – California State University, Fullerton; acrylic paintings by **Linda Day** – California State University, Long Beach; large scale mixed media works on paper by **Rebecca Hamm** – Azusa Pacific University; and a site-specific sand installation and photographs by **Connie Zehr** – Claremont Graduate University. The four artists represented in the multimedia exhibition all live and work in the Los Angeles region.

Joseph Biel's graphite and watercolor on paper drawings portray particular moments or events often combining imagined and observed work. The exhibition features one large scale drawing and several smaller works. Linda Day's acrylic on canvas paintings are a response to and interest in information – both visual and auditory – and in our bodies as receptors. Self described as an information junkie; she thrives in an atmosphere of over-stimulation. Rebecca Hamm's mixed media works on paper depict views of places she has directly encountered and



photographed. Then she alters the arrangement of the images creating a new image similar to an architectural studio, layered and moveable. Connie Zehr's work in sand is based on the visual

presence of natural phenomenon: geological events, pigmentation, light, reflection and edges. Her large scale sand installation is site-specific and photographs from installations are also on view.



The Art in Store Project Room features four students selected from Graduate programs at the accompanying Universities of the "Talking Heads" artists. Included are **Julie Rofman** - a painter from California State University at Long Beach, **Sayon Syprasoeuth** - a painter from Claremont Graduate University, **Diana Markessinas** - a sculptor from California State University at Long Beach, and **Ashley Combs** - a photographer from Azusa Pacific University.

The Huntington Beach Art Center is a public/private partnership between the City of Huntington Beach and the Huntington Beach Art Center Foundation. During its ten years of operation, the Art Center has achieved a regional and national reputation for featuring the work of emerging artists from all backgrounds and viewpoints. For more information on exhibitions, programs, and gallery hours please call the Art Center at 714.374.1650.