



San Jose Museum of  
**Quilts &  
Textiles**

## News Release

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### **GROUNDBREAKING EXHIBITION OF CONTEMPORARY FIBER ART AT MUSEUM OF QUILTS & TEXTILES**

SAN JOSE, Calif., June 11, 2007 – The San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles will celebrate its thirtieth anniversary with the groundbreaking exhibition *Saturn Returns: Back to the Future of Fiber Art* on display from October 16, 2007 to January 6, 2008. For the first time, the work of thirty of the most influential fiber artists of our time will be presented together in a singular exhibition. Reflecting the scope of the museum's mission, the work of these thirty artists spans the range of fiber arts; half are quilt artists, while others use tapestry, weaving, embroidery, ikat, beading, and mixed media to create their art.

The exhibit is co-curated by Museum Curator Deborah Corsini and noted contemporary textile art scholar Alice Zrebiec, formerly a textile curator at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The curators selected up to three pieces from each of thirty nationally and internationally recognized fiber artists to illustrate the range of the artist's work. Signature styles as well as new developments were chosen, the ultimate criteria being quality of design and execution.

According to Zrebiec, "Many of the artists are associated with California: not surprising since decades ago the Bay Area was a stage for experimentation in textile art and many of its most renowned practitioners continue to live, work and teach here."

Corsini added, "Each of these artists brings a unique view their approach to making art with fiber, and all are compelling, thought provoking, contemporary and relevant. This exhibition will be a showcase of tremendous accomplishment, creative verve and astonishing individuality. The textile tradition is very much alive and thriving in the hands of these versatile 21<sup>st</sup> century artists."

Now celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> year, the San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles is the first museum of its kind in the United States and in 2005 became one of the top 10 attractions in San Jose. Museum and Museum Store hours are: 10:00am-5:00pm Tuesday through Sunday; closed Mondays and major holidays. Admission is \$6.50 general; \$5 students and seniors; and free to museum members and children under 13. Admission is free on the first Friday of each month. The San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles is located at 520 South First Street in downtown San Jose. For more information, call 408-971-0323 or visit [www.sjqm.org](http://www.sjqm.org).

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**“Saturn Returns” Artist List**

Adela Akers, Guerneville, CA

Polly Barton, Santa Fe, NM

Jim Bassler, San Pedro, CA

Archie Brennan, New York, NY

Judith Content, Palo Alto, CA

Lia Cook, Berkeley, CA

Candace Crockett, San Francisco, CA

Nancy Crow, Baltimore, OH

Michael A. Cummings, New York, NY

Joe Cunningham, San Francisco, CA

Virginia Davis, Berkeley, CA

Radka Donnell, Cambridge, MA

Nancy Erickson, Missoula, MT

Kay Khan, Santa Fe, NM

Christine Laffer, San Jose, CA

Jean Pierre Larochette & Yael Lurie, Berkeley, CA

Linda MacDonald, Willits, CA

Therese May, San Jose, CA

Ruth B. McDowell, Winchester, MA

Katie Pasquini Masopust, Santa Fe, NM

Yvonne Porcella, Modesto, CA

Jon Eric Riis, Atlanta, GA

Miriam Nathan-Roberts, Berkeley, CA

Joan Schulz, Sunnyvale, CA

Joyce Scott, Baltimore, MD

Kay Sekimachi, Berkeley, CA

Susan Shie, Wooster, OH

Carol Shinn, Fort Collins, CO

Consuelo Underwood, Cupertino, CA

Katherine Westphal, Berkeley, CA

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Editor’s Note: For available images go to [http://www.sjqiltmuseum.org/primg\\_saturnreturns.html](http://www.sjqiltmuseum.org/primg_saturnreturns.html)

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