



Press release

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For immediate release:

The Monterey Bay Metal Arts Guild and the Collectors Gallery of the Oakland Museum of California present:

Metals in Motion

**A showcase of unique work by over 50 outstanding jewelers and metal artists from
Big Sur to Santa Cruz on display from March 2 – April 20, 2008**

Reception March 8, 2008, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.; preceded by artist talk from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m

Santa Cruz, CA – December 17, 2007 – Treat yourself to a unique experience viewing the work of over 50 studio jewelers, metal artists and sculptors of the Monterey Bay Metal Arts Guild. Talented artists from Big Sur to Santa Cruz showcase their work in “Metals in Motion” at the Collectors Gallery of the Oakland Museum of California. The special exhibit and sale runs from March 2, 2008 through April 20, 2008. More than 100 handcrafted one-of-a-kind pieces of great diversity are on display. Featured pieces imply movement either through kinetic mechanisms or imagery; artists let their imaginations come alive in high-karat gold, silver, steel, copper, or brass to realize their personal interpretation of the theme. Techniques range from traditional gold- and silver-smithing, forging, casting, enameling, to *mokume gane* which translates as “wood grain metal”– a Japanese metal lamination technique, mastered by only a few U.S. artists.

The main focus of the show is art jewelry but visitors will also find an array of outstanding metal art objects and sculptures.

The Collectors Gallery of the Oakland Museum of California is located at 1000 Oak Street, in Oakland. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. **The opening reception is on March 8, 2008 from 2 p.m. to 4**

p.m. The reception will be preceded by an **artist talk** from **1 p.m. to 2 p.m.** during which nationally recognized members of the Monterey Bay Metal Arts Guild will discuss their work.

Admission is free.

About the Monterey Bay Metal Arts Guild: The MBMAG is a non-profit organization dedicated to encouraging an environment of education, networking, and community interaction, as well as support and general camaraderie for artists working in metal. Its members include nationally recognized metal artists.

Further information: visit <http://www.MBMAG.org>

About the Collectors Gallery: The Collectors Gallery is operated by the Oakland Museum Women's Board, a volunteer fundraising organization. The Women's Board donates all profits from the gallery to the Art Acquisition fund of the Oakland Museum of California. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Friday, 10:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Saturday and Sunday, 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM. Further information:

<http://www.museumca.org/shop/gallery.html>

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