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California Artists Month at Terrestra galleries features noted Bay Area designers in events benefitting Drawbridge arts programs for homeless children

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Terrestra is pleased to announce California Artists Month in San Francisco and Berkeley locations. All month May 2010, Terrestra stores will be celebrating talented local designers and artisans. The company will be donating a percentage of event sales to benefit DrawBridge, a nonprofit organization that provides art therapy and education to Bay Area homeless children.

In-store events will include weekly “meet the artist” days in the San Francisco Laurel Village store throughout the month of May. These events will feature expanded displays of the artists’ work as well as complimentary refreshments and raffles with special prizes from local artists and arts organizations.

Bay Area artists scheduled for in-store receptions include:

- Kavita (hand-painted silk accessories; Saratoga)
- Philippa Roberts (jewelry; Oakland)
- Kathleen Maley (jewelry; San Francisco)

See terrestra.com for the schedule of event dates and times.



Other featured artists include:

- Carmen Q. Hinckle (jewelry; Mill Valley)
- Marie-Eve and Ami Partouche (jewelry; Los Angeles)
- Frederic Duclos (jewelry; Orange County)
- Laura Blacona (Millefiore clay designs; San Francisco)
- Gary Steinborn (clay vases; Venice Beach)
- Heath Ceramics (dinnerware; Sausalito)
- Sven (leather goods; Berkeley)

(See enclosed photos of artists’ works; contact Terrestra for file copies.)



About Kavita

Silk artist Kavita Singh has perfected her art by studying and practicing silk painting for more than 20 years. She has designed for Yves Saint Laurent, Lanvin of Paris, Cannon, Burlington, Wamsutta, Schumacher, and Fieldcrest, and created designs for the White House and Malaysian Royalty. Her versatile styles feature both Eastern and Western themes. Kavita says, "My scarves and jackets are a success when they make the wearer feel beautiful." Her greatest reward is the excitement people show when they see and feel her silk creations in person.

About Philippa Roberts

Born in South Africa to a jewelry-making family, Philippa was naturally drawn to working with metals and stones. After graduating from Miami University (Ohio) with a BFA in metal design and photography, she moved to San Francisco in 1995 to start her career in jewelry design. The inspiration for her work stems from the nature around her, yet also incorporates lines and patterns that imitate urban architecture and design. Having started with basic sterling silver and pearls, she has expanded her line by integrating silver and gold with different colored stones, adding texture, shape, and hue to many of her designs.

About Kathleen Maley

As an art student at San Diego State University, Kathleen Maley studied metalsmithing and jewelry making in 1994. After graduating with a degree in Applied Design in Metal, she moved to San Francisco where she began her career working for an established costume jeweler, and subsequently joined an artist cooperative. Working now in her Mission District studio, she also exhibits her jewelry in shows and galleries across the country. Kathleen says, "I enjoy the process of making jewelry, and I think that comes through in my designs. Color and movement play an integral part in the personality of my pieces, giving them a sense of liveliness and whimsy. I want to create jewelry that will engage and delight the wearer."

About DrawBridge

Now in its 20th year, DrawBridge provides expressive art programs across the Bay Area for more than 1700 homeless and other vulnerable children annually. Through painting, ceramics, drawing, photography, and collage, DrawBridge facilitators and volunteers strive to promote the well-being and stability of family by creating a supportive community. DrawBridge programs help children whose lives have been devastated by homelessness learn to articulate their unique stories, discover meaning in their lives, deepen their sense of trust, and realize their potential and individualism.

About Terrestra

Terrestra is a unique retailer specializing in high-quality contemporary handcrafted design. First established in North Berkeley's Gourmet Ghetto in 2003, Terrestra has since expanded to include a location in San Francisco's Laurel Village and a web store at terrestra.com/shop. Terrestra carries a large selection of modern handcrafted items from domestic and international sources, including functional objects such as tableware, barware, and desk accessories; decorative objects such as ceramics and fine art; and personal gifts including jewelry, leather accessories, and scarves. Terrestra style is simple, elegant, colorful, and contemporary, but uniquely warm – never modern for its own sake and never driven by trends. Terrestra strives to be the ultimate resource for people who believe in the importance of excellent design and workmanship in their everyday lives.