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Got art?

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News Editor

On the first Thursday of every month, tourists and locals alike gather in Laguna Beach for a festive and cultural event: The First Thursday Art Walk.

The art ranges from sculptural to vintage posters, glass blowing to modern art, and some indescribably peculiar types. But this is Laguna. What were you expecting?

The standout galleries are known not only for their art, but also for their entertainment.

What is a little art browsing without ambiance?

The Studio Arts Gallery, co-owned by master glass blower John Barber and his wife

Rebecca Barber, often hosts a lively event in the Old Pottery Place.

During one particular Art Walk, a salsa band serenaded shoppers as shoppers sipped refreshments and strolled about the gallery.

The Mandarin Fine Art Gallery, currently showcasing over 20 Chinese artists, served its guests fine imported Chinese teas to coincide with the ethnic art.

The next Art Walk will take place on Jan. 3, from 6-9 p.m. Laguna's free shuttle will start at 6:15 p.m., and galleries will be open throughout North, South, and downtown Laguna.

Be prepared to bring your checkbook. Sometimes you cannot pass up good art.

NORTH LAGUNA

LAGUNA COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN 2222 Laguna Canyon Rd

SANDSTONE GALLERY 384 A North Coast Highway

STUDIO 7 GALLERY 384 B North Coast Highway

LAGUNA NORTH GALLERY 376 North Coast Highway

LU MARTIN GALLERIES 372 North Coast Highway

MARION MEYER CONTEMPORARY ART 354 North Coast Highway

SUE GREENWOOD FINE ART 330 North Coast Highway

DOWN-TOWN

ENDANGERED PLANET GALLERY 384 Forest Ave, Suite 13

DAWSON COLE FINE ART 326 Glenneyre Street

THE CRYSTAL IMAGE 225 Forest Avenue

WILLIAM MERRILL GALLERY 611 South Coast Highway

SHERWOOD GALLERY, INC. 460 South Coast Highway

MIRANDA GALLERIES 417 South

KUSH FINE ART 357 South Coast Highway

SOUTH LAGUNA

COOLSVILLE - ROARK'S STUDIO GALLERY 1143 South Coast Highway

MATT HAMILTON GALLERY 1590 South Coast Highway

DERU'S FINE ARTS 1590 South Coast Highway

LA BOTTEGA DELL' AGUAFORTE 1590 South Coast Highway

WENDT GALLERY 1550 South Coast Highway

THE REDFERN GALLERY 1540 South Coast Highway

VLADIMIR SOKOLOV GALLERY 1540 South Coast Highway

Student Profile: Evren Ozan



Evren Ozan plays the flute. (Alan Crowe)

By Val Biscarrat
Reporter

Dedicated, modest, talented. These words accurately describe Evren Ozan, freshman student at Laguna Beach High School. Evren is a professional flute player who began to play at the age of six.

"One day, as my parents and I were driving from Massachusetts to California, we came

upon a flute store after stopping at the Grand Canyon, and I decided to buy a flute," said Evren.

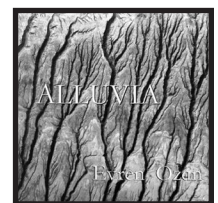
After buying a flute, Evren practiced with a flute maker named Guillermo and played with him for a year. Little did Evren know that he would come out with his first CD at the age of seven.

"I also love to skate and fly RC airplanes," said Evren. In addition

to being proficient at the flute and playing every day, Evren also skates as much as he can while still being able to get the grades he needs at school.

"When I met him, I knew within 30 minutes that he was destined for greatness," said AP Spanish teacher, Rod Ortiz. For over three years, Senor Ortiz has been tutoring Evren and has enabled him to take AP Spanish Language

as a freshman. If you want to see Evren on TV, then turn on your TV to CBS on Feb. 10 to see his Grammy Award nomination for Best New Artist and Best New Age Album.



Evren's new CD (www.ozanmusic.com)