



Robilee Frederick by Dona Kopol\_Bonick

# Meet the Makers:

Mumm photo show spotlights Napa's artworkers, kicks off month-long arts festival

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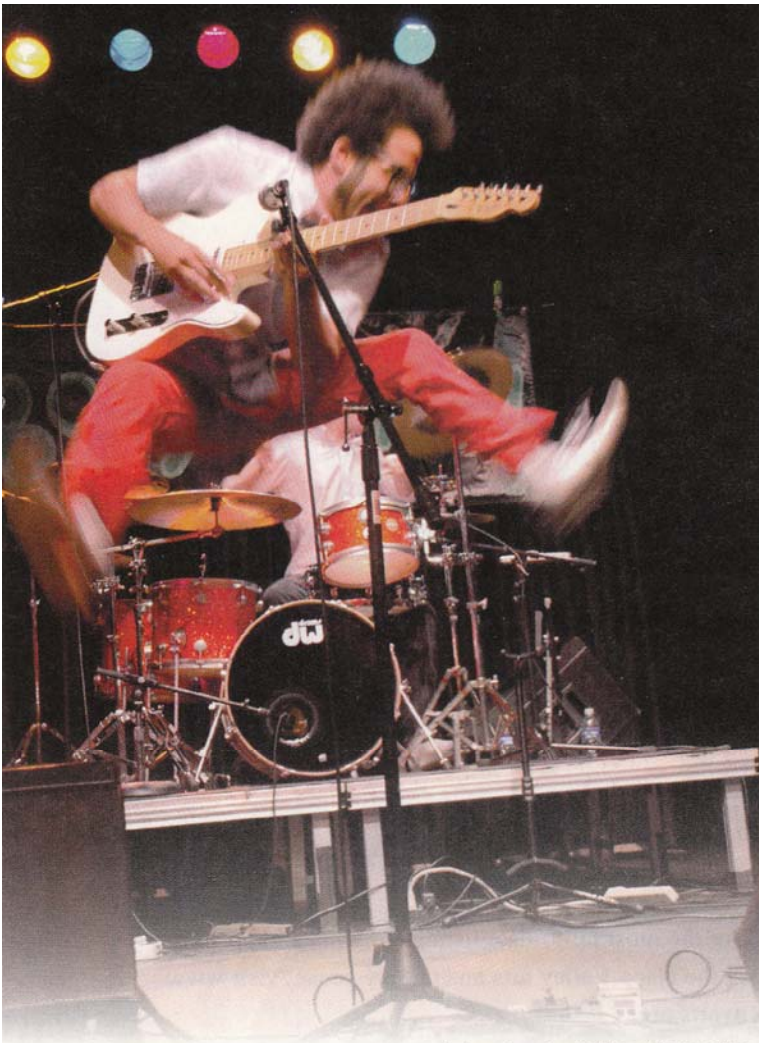
Kristine Cummins

Chick Harrity

As arts groups and venues throughout the county collaborate for a first-of-its-kind, month-long celebration called Napa Valley ARTS 2010, there's never been a better time for Napa residents and visitors to discover the riches of the valley's cultural community..

"We're celebrating all of the arts, arts venues and creativity in the community," says Kristina Young, longtime staff member at Arts Council Napa Valley who now serves as the non-profit's acting executive director.

Sponsored by the Arts Council, with generous support from local foundations, businesses and individuals, ARTS

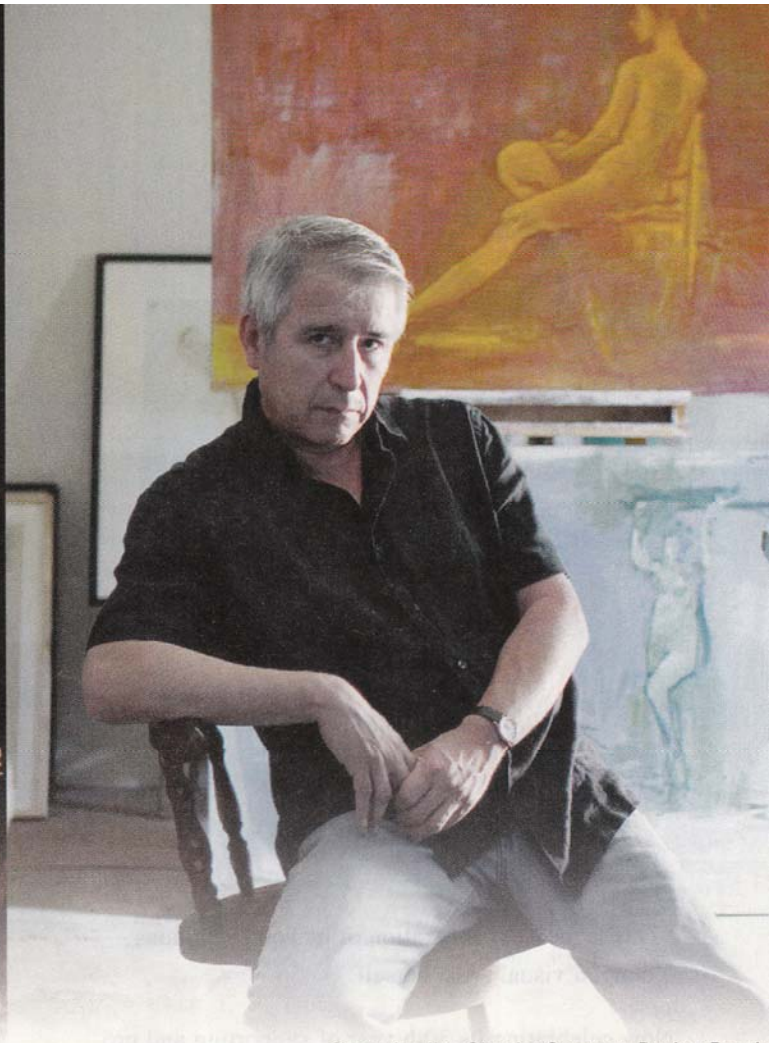


Jakey Lee by Kristine Cummins

2010 opens with a splash on Oct. 15. That's when the renowned photography gallery at Mumm Napa will host a gala reception to celebrate an exciting new portrait exhibition that pairs Napa County photographers with artists who live and work in the valley.

Titled "Meet the Makers," the show spotlights more than 65 painters, writers, musicians and other artists, photographed in their homes and studios by four of Napa Valley's most gifted photographers: Dona Kopol Bonick, Suzanne Becker Bronk, Kristine Cummins and Chick Harranty.

The photographers were asked to shoot people whom they considered to be important, influential or emerging "makers" in our community. Their chosen subjects range from the internationally-known visual artists



Oscar Aguilar Olea by Suzanne Becker Bronk

Oscar Aguilar Olea and Robilee Frederick, to young rock musicians such as guitarist Jakey Lee of the rock band Body or Brain, and keyboardist/vocalist Castor Pollux of the group Maere.

The exhibition also features a special audio tour of interviews with ten of the artists, conducted by a trio of talented Napa sixth-graders who collaborate as "The Art Girls."

The three youngsters—Hannah Bradford, Ruby Harvey, and Grace Murphy--all attend Stone Bridge School and take multidisciplinary art classes after school with independent teacher Lynne Tuft. At Tuft's home studio on the slope of Mt. Veeder, the girls have been working together on an expressive mural that will be the only non-photography piece in the Mumm show.



Layla Fanucci by Chick\_Harritya

“This is the next generation of makers,” explains Young, a visual artist herself.

Now celebrating its 30th year of supporting and promoting the arts in Napa County, the Arts Council is sponsoring the “Meet the Makers” exhibition as the kickoff for its month-long “Napa Valley ARTS 2010” fall celebration.

The Oct. 15 artists’ reception will be dedicated to the memory of Jim O’Shea, a longtime Mumm employee, talented photographer and former Arts Council advisory board, member who died earlier this year.

For five weekends, through Nov. 14, ARTS 2010 will include close to 100 arts events throughout the Napa Valley, from concerts and plays to open studios and a festival of short films titled “Dr. Spin’s Propaganda Machine,” presented by Wandering Rose.

The Arts Council is producing a catalog of events for ARTS 2010, but more are being added every week.

For the most up-to-date listings of what’s happening in the Napa Valley arts and culture scene, visit [www.nvarts.org](http://www.nvarts.org).

The “Meet the Makers” reception will be held Oct. 15 at Mumm Napa Valley, 8445 Silverado Trail in Rutherford. A preview featuring live performances will begin at 6 p.m., with doors open to the general public from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$60 per person, or \$99 per couple for the preview, which includes a special-edition catalog of photographs from the exhibition. From 7 p.m. on, general admission is \$25, includes hors d’oeuvres and Mumm Napa sparkling wine.

All ages are welcome, and tickets are available online at Brown Paper Tickets or by calling Arts Council Napa Valley at (707) 257-2117.