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## **WLAC Gallery Features Works of Nationally & Internationally Acclaimed Artists Opening October 29 | Curated by Molly Barnes**

On Thursday, October 29, the West Los Angeles College Fine Arts Gallery will host an opening reception show casing the works of current and past instructors. Unlike the old adage of “those who can’t do teach,” West faculty have included world renowned political satirist Robbie Conal whose work has been featured in *Time*, *Newsweek* and the *New York Times*. Also exhibiting is West instructor and Guggenheim Fellowship winner Erin Cosgrove who was recognized as “Critics Choice” by the *Los Angeles Times* in 2012.

Lucy Blake’s paintings are in the collections of Aaron Spelling Productions and Universal Studios, FL among others. But it may be her public works for which she is best known. They include decorative gates, mosaics and murals for Long Beach Transit, the Ballona Creek Bike Path and Inglewood’s Darby Park. Instructor Doug Harvey, former LA Weekly art critic, will also have pieces on exhibit. His painting-based multimedia have been shown locally and internationally. Michael Arata, a long-time fixture in the LA art scene and a recipient of an ARC grant, is known for his eccentric and often humorous work. He too has exhibited extensively nationally and internationally including shows at the Acuna Hansen and Carl Berg galleries in Los Angeles, the Miami Basel Art Fair, Abel Joseph in Brussels, and the National Library in Buenos Aires.

The show, which features 13 artists in total, is being curated by bi-coastal art dealer Molly Barnes. Barnes is a frequent lecturer and panelist. She is the former host of a long-running NPR show and the author of three books including *How to Get Hung*, *A Guide for Emerging Artists*. Barnes was the first to showcase the paintings of Steve Martin and introduced artist like John Baldessari, Bob Cottingham, Les Levine, Mark Kostabi and Gronk to the public. She has curated many private art collections including those of Norman Lear, Billy Wilder and David Begelman.

West Los Angeles College is a fully-accredited community college offering full-, part-time and online paths to university transfer and career preparation. West is located at 9000 Overland Avenue (near Jefferson), Culver City 90230. There is a second convenient entrance at 10100 Jefferson between Overland and La Cienega.

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