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**THE ARTS FUND TO EXHIBIT
2008 IAA AWARD RECIPIENT HUGH MARGERUM
CIRCULAR LOGIC AND OTHER DILEMMAS
JANUARY 29-MARCH 12, 2010**



Hugh Margerum, *Orange Orba*

January 19, 2010- Hugh Margerum, recipient of The Arts Fund's 2008 Individual Artist Award (IAA) in Painting, will exhibit a collection of recent paintings in a solo exhibit titled, *Circular Logic and other Dilemmas* at The Arts Fund Gallery January 29 through March 12, 2010. A reception for the artist will be held on **Friday, January 29, 2010 from 5:30-7:30 pm** in the gallery, located at 205C Santa Barbara Street. Gallery hours are Tuesday-Saturday, 1-5 pm.

Circular Logic and other Dilemmas is a collection of recent abstract paintings that reflect Margerum's ongoing interest in exploring the dynamic relationships between scale, figure and ground, and color. A long-time resident of Santa Barbara, Margerum describes his work as "an abstract interpretation of things that happen in nature and everyday life." These energetic organic compositions delight the eye with their use of vivid color and adventurous applications of rich layers of oil paint. Lyric abstraction and abstract expressionism are clear influences in the works' unapologetic celebration of the act of painting. At the same time, California landscapes and the dynamic processes of nature are equally present in this mid-career artist's impressive body of new canvases.

Hugh Margerum was born in Los Angeles, California, and has been exhibiting publicly for over twenty-five years. His work is in numerous collections in Santa Barbara and around the country. Margerum received his Bachelor of Fine Art with a concentration in painting from Humboldt State University, and is now affiliated with galleries such as Edward Cella Art + Architecture, Fresh Paint, and Flanders Contemporary Art. Margerum has contributed to several local publications, and has taught for Santa Barbara City College's Continuing Education program.

Margerum is one of four artists who received The Arts Fund's Individual Artist Award in 2008. These awards annually identify and reward artistic excellence in the Santa Barbara County. This solo exhibition, along with a cash prize of \$2,000, is part of the award. Now in its 21st year, this celebrated program has awarded over \$160,000 in cash prizes and showcased the work of 129 artists in the visual, performing, and literary arts. Funded entirely through private donations, the IAA is an important component in sustaining the artistic vitality of our community.

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Organization Background:

The Arts Fund (www.artsfundsb.org) was established in 1983 with a mission to create, fund and administer programs and projects that foster the arts for the people of Santa Barbara County, to act as a catalyst maximizing the effectiveness of arts resources, and to nurture collaborative relationships amongst arts organizations.

The Arts Fund is best known as the sponsor of the annual Individual Artist Awards (IAA), a juried competition open to local artists, and the Teen Arts Mentorship Program, which, for over a decade, has paired promising young artists with professional master artists in a workshop setting. In 2001, The Arts Fund opened its own gallery, located at the corner of Yanonali and Santa Barbara Streets. Gallery sales and private donations are an important and essential source of funding for the organization so please visit www.artsfundsb.org to learn more about supporting the arts in Santa Barbara. The Arts Fund gallery is open Tuesday – Saturday from 1-5 pm or by appointment.