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***** MEDIA ALERT *****

Cabrillo College Gallery Presents "The Creatives Among Us: Celebrating 20 Years of the Gail Rich Awards"
Exhibition Runs January 25-February 25 and Includes Reception, Awardee Portraits, & Performance

APTOS – Cabrillo College is excited to honor the 20th Anniversary of the Gail Rich Awards with two on-campus events – *The Creatives Among Us: Celebrating 20 years of the Gail Rich Awards* exhibition at Cabrillo Gallery and performance at the Crocker Theater. These events coincide with the 2016 Gail Rich Awards, a free, public event honoring those who receive the Award each year. The awards celebrate the spirit of the arts in Santa Cruz by recognizing those who inspire our diverse and culturally rich community.

The Creatives Among Us exhibition features photographic portraits of the recipients of the Gail Rich Awards by Shmuel Thaler, with text by Wallace Baine. The exhibition showcases over 150 dynamic black and white photographic portraits of all of the 20 years of Gail Rich Awards recipients. Each portrait is accompanied by descriptive writings by Wallace Baine that convey the contributions of the awardees and the essence of what each meant to our local creative community.

To round out the exhibition, Gail Rich awardees will be performing at Cabrillo's Crocker Theater. Performers include Tammi Brown, The Great Morgani, Jim Grenier, Neal Hellman, Iman Lizarazu, Pippa Piñon, Rhan Wilson, Santa Cruz Ballet Theater and Watsonville Taiko.

WHO: Cabrillo College Gallery

WHAT: Exhibition, Reception & Performance for *The Creatives Among Us: 20 Years of the Gail Rich Awards*

WHEN & WHERE:

Exhibition – Opens Monday, January 25 – Closes Thursday, February 25 (Cabrillo College Gallery – Library Building Room #1002, Monday-Friday 9am-4pm with extended hours Mon and Tues 7-9pm)

Reception - Saturday, January 30, from 5:00-7:00pm (Cabrillo Gallery – Library Building Room #1002, Monday-Friday 9am-4pm with extended hours Monday and Tuesday from 7pm-9pm)

Performance - Saturday, February 6 at 7:30pm (Cabrillo College Crocker Theater – 6500 Soquel Drive, Aptos, CA)

About Cabrillo College

Cabrillo College is a leading California community college serving Santa Cruz County with locations in Aptos and Watsonville. It is ranked #1 in transfers to UC Santa Cruz. Founded in 1959, the college offers over 100 academic and career technical education programs that serve multiple educational goals such as A.A. and A.S. degrees, certificates of achievement, skills certificates, transfer to 4-year institutions or for lifelong learning and personal enrichment. Cabrillo College is a dynamic, diverse and responsive educational community that is dedicated to helping all students achieve their academic, career, and personal development goals.

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