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Historic club celebrates its 100th anniversary

PASADENA • The California Art Club's annual Gold Medal Juried Exhibition unfolds at the Pasadena Museum of California Art on April 26. Founded in 1909, the club celebrates its 100th anniversary this year. It was established by an informal group of artists known as the Los Angeles Painters. This year's event showcases new paintings and sculptures from the nation's leading traditional fine artists while also paying tribute to California Impressionism, the artistic movement that has been attributed the club's founders. The show features quintessential California landscapes and seascapes and provides a visual statement of life in the Golden State today. In conjunction with the show, Jean Stern, executive director of the Irvine Museum in Irvine, CA, delivers a lecture on the early Los Angeles art community and William Wendt, founder of the California Art Club, from 3 to 5 p.m. on May 3. An artist-led tour takes place from 3 to 5 p.m. on May 17. The show runs April 26 through May 17. For more information: 626.583.9009 or www.californiaartclub.com.

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