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***Art Explores New Vistas at the Annenberg Community Beach House:
New Exhibition Now On Display***

October 22, 2009— *Vista Santa Monica*, the new exhibition at the Annenberg Community Beach House opening this week, showcases artwork that captures the essence of Santa Monica. Pieces range from conceptual to nostalgic to fantastical... with all expanding upon the rich stories of life in the City by the Sea.

Artists include long-time residents who have helped shape the vibrant cultural landscape that Santa Monica enjoys. Featured artists include **Betty Sheinbaum**, a long-time Santa Monica resident who has been painting for over 40 years; **Daniel Alonzo**, a Santa Monica resident whose mural "A Whale of a Mural" at the underpass at 4th Street along Ocean Park Blvd has become a local icon; and **Elena Allen**, a Santa Monican who has been painting our landscapes for 40 years; and **Elena Mary Siff**, whose work can be found in the Museum of Modern Art collection and the Wichita Art Museum.

Vista Santa Monica is a part of **Beach=Culture**, an ongoing series of cultural programs at the Annenberg Community Beach House produced in conjunction with the City of Santa Monica's Cultural Affairs Division. Intimate concerts, readings, and lectures convey the rich history of the Beach House site and Santa Monica's beach in general.

Vista Santa Monica will be on display through April 2010. For information and hours on the exhibition, please visit the Annenberg Community Beach House online at <http://www.annenbergbeachhouse.com>. For information on the collection, please contact Malina Moore, Public Art Coordinator at 310-458-8350. Digital images of the artworks are available upon request.

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For more information on the City of Santa Monica Cultural Affairs Division, please visit the website at <http://arts.smgov.net> or call 310/458.8350.

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