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World Perceptions at Art From Scrap Gallery

Opening Reception for artist Morris Bear Squire at the Art From Scrap Gallery, 302 East Cota Street, on Saturday, March 14th, from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Show opens March 14 and runs through March 21. Gallery Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday: 10-2, Thursday 10-6.

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World Perceptions, an exhibition featuring the work of artist Morris Bear Squire, opens at the Art From Scrap Gallery on March 14. A world traveler, Squire collects images on his journeys that he translates into warm and rich lacquer paintings. Squire creates his paintings by coating computer generated laser prints with hammered gold leaf, lacquer, and oil paint. In an intricate process, the last coat of lacquer is applied with human hair and pumice stone. The lacquer paintings on display at the Art From Scrap Gallery are portraits of some of the people that Squire has encountered throughout his travels around the globe.

With a background in Administrative Psychiatry, Squire says, "I've been trained to name an emotion, to understand the personality of my subjects... In my work, I try to get inside my subject and then create a snapshot of this experience through my images." With his art, Squire "hopes to show that within each and every person is something astoundingly beautiful."

An artist with over fifty years of experience, Squire has also written three books and hosted a syndicated radio program. Squire is the founder of the Forest Foundation, a nonprofit that strives to improve social conditions at the community level; by supporting tax-exempt non-profit organizations, and fostering young leaders committed to social action

About Art From Scrap: Art From Scrap is Santa Barbara's Environmental Education and Art Center. The Art From Scrap Gallery is located upstairs at the Art From Scrap Reuse Store and offers assemblage artists a unique space dedicated to their art form. Rotating shows hang throughout the year bringing together art lovers, collectors and local artists.

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