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**First-Time Artistic Partnering Unites Visual and Vocal Art for
Live Performance of Large-Scale Life Drawings at The Loft Galleries
March 2, 2006 Live Performance & Opening – Drawing Exhibit March 2-25, 2006**

San Pedro, Calif. – Feb 14, 2006 – Opening March 2, 2006, during Downtown San Pedro’s First Thursday Art Walk, The Loft Galleries present Uran Snyder and Sharon Corsaro for a first-time live event that combines Snyder’s dramatic larger-than-life charcoal-on-paper figure drawings with Corsaro’s uniquely spontaneous vocal expression, to literally bring characters alive off the page, in a special performance on opening night of this life drawing exhibit.

Completely filling the walls of Gallery A at The Loft, this rare public showing of Snyder’s charcoal drawings will be displayed March 2-25, 2006, with the special live public performance being offered on March 2. Also during the drawing show, the dynamic artistic partnering will offer a Media Preview by appointment between Feb 21-27 to meet the artists and preview the show and performance; a public Opening Reception on March 2, 6-9 p.m., with live performance at 7:30 p.m; an Introductory VocalArt Workshop to learn about vocal expression with the drawings on March 12, 2-5 p.m.; and an exclusive private performance engagement and reception on March 18. Private viewings of the drawings and select private performances will be available by appointment until March 25.

Snyder’s unique drawings, running 22-to-33 feet in length and nearly 9 feet tall, depict full and partial human figures interacting dynamically, yet with introspection, reflecting universal human conditions such as “being alone in a crowd,” the “perpetual circling of life” and the “content of woman’s dreams.” While the drawing show on its own is a vast offering of visual stimulation, the rare artistic partnering that adds live performances at select times, presents a unique expression where vocal art brings a new dimension and emersion of sound to the arena, for a profound auditory and visual experience. Providing an unusual display of vast vocal range and creative expression, the vocal art component literally embodies the characters, to become them, express as them, and bring them off the page in a live spontaneously created dance of expression. Both Snyder and Corsaro offer profound works individually that go well beyond the norm, and the two joined together for parts of this show, offer something unknown to exist elsewhere – spontaneous live performance of larger-than-life visual art.

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Native to Tokyo, Japan, Snyder has a working art studio in Long Beach, Calif., where she has been a resident for more than 30 years. Native to Rolling Hills Estates, Calif., Corsaro returned to the South Bay in 2005, after living and traveling in distant locales across the country and the world, for more than a decade. The two artists met many years ago at a public gathering in Orange County, and recently just happened to reconvene in early 2005, when the idea for this unique artistic partnering, was sprouted.

Hosted by The Loft Galleries, and coordinated by Annemarie Rawlinson, the venue houses an eclectic group of artist studios with old-warehouse-style galleries opened every month to visiting artists, for San Pedro's First Thursdays Art Walk. The Loft is located at 401 South Mesa, San Pedro, and can be found online at www.the-loft.net.

Individuals interested in any part of this program are invited to contact the artists at 310.991.1998 or www.thevoicesofvision.com for more information.

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