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San Francisco's Keef Ward Explores "Re:Cycle" in New Endangered Planet Gallery Show

LAGUNA BEACH, CA — San Francisco painter and sculptor Keef Ward comes to Laguna Beach's Endangered Planet Gallery on May 3 with a new show entitled "Re: Cycle," an exploration in art creation using recycled canvases and new sculptures crafted from recycled materials.

Ward has exhibited widely in the San Francisco area over the past decade, and was previously featured here in a one-man show at the former Laguna's Little Gallery in 2004.

His new Laguna Beach show features more than a dozen new acrylic and collage works on recycled canvases, with a wide range of subjects and effects. One dramatic new work — "Lovely Weather" — is four-feet by ten-feet in size and offers a world of subtle chaos, lightened by the presence of a few ducks. Other paintings and sculptures throughout the show demonstrate Ward's engaging ability to merge serious social issues and questions in contexts of visual play, and visual and verbal humor.

Born in Los Angeles in 1970, Ward lived his early years in Japan, where his parents were university teachers. He grew up in Orange County, then graduated in art from California State University at Chico in 1993. Since graduation he has worked as an artist in San Francisco, during which time he taught art programs with San Francisco's juvenile authority and also served with ArtBus, the San Francisco-cooperative that brings art training to children in the city's poorest neighborhoods.

Ward's show opens at Endangered Planet Gallery on Thursday, May 3, and a reception for the artist is scheduled for that evening from 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., as a part of the First Thursdays Art Walk event for May. Ward's "Re: Cycle" exhibition runs through July 27.

Endangered Planet Gallery is located in The Lumber Yard Mall at 384 Forest Ave., Suite #13, in Laguna Beach (across the street from Café Zinc). For more information, contact Endangered Planet Gallery at (949) 497-5690 or visit the website at endangeredplanet.org.

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Caption:

"Lovely Weather" (detail), 48"x120", is an acrylic-and-collage creation on recycled canvas from San Francisco artist Keef Ward. An artist reception is slated for Thursday evening, May 3, at Endangered Planet Gallery as part of Laguna Beach's First Thursdays Art Walk.

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