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## **El Camino College Art Galley to Present “Station Identification” Exhibit**

The El Camino College Art Gallery will present “Station Identification: Works by Terry Braunstein,” an exhibit that runs March 30 through May 1 in the El Camino College Art Gallery, 16007 Crenshaw Boulevard, near Torrance.

An opening reception is scheduled for 7 to 9 p.m. March 31 and a gallery walk-through with Braunstein is set for 1 p.m. April 2.

“Station Identification” features more than 50 works by Braunstein, including two installations (hitherto unseen), altered books, book-like assemblage works, sculptural works, photomontage and photo and video documentation of her public art works. Through this exhibit, Braunstein demonstrates how it is possible to create contemporary work that uses sophisticated digital technology and is simultaneously highly personal.

Through collage techniques combined with photographic manipulation, Braunstein creates fictionalized landscapes where one may encounter dinosaurs in a tropical forest wandering with modern day folks from Miami Beach, or see a woman in house attire busily sweeping the interminable floor of a vast desert. In her installation “Garbage Can Man” from the “Time Bound” series, a man in midlife with his leg in a trash can looks beyond his gate to a limited future.

With its depictions of mundane human activity, set in fictitious surroundings, Braunstein’s art explores the relationship of the everyday and the unfathomable. The work is whimsical, imaginative and sublime.

Braunstein, of Long Beach, is a poignant raconteur and commentator, creating books, sculptural works, public art pieces and gallery installations, nearly always derived from her own personal experience. In these works, time and space are compressed while images made exclusively from cutouts of the everyday are rearranged into fantastic settings. These intimate artworks address human issues of coming of age, life and death, birth, loss and search for meaning.

Additionally, Braunstein has produced a number of large-scale public art pieces in venues ranging from libraries and health centers to Metro stations and department store windows on Wilshire Boulevard. She has exhibited her work internationally and has been the recipient of multiple awards including the Durfee Foundation Award that helped

make this exhibition possible, the NEA Visual Arts Fellowship and the National Museum of Women in the Arts, National Book Award.

The El Camino College Art Gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Fridays. For more information, call Susanna Meiers at 310-660-3593, Ext. 3543 or 3010.

Admission to the El Camino College Art Gallery and gallery events is free. On-campus parking is \$2.

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