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DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS PRESENTS
Tapestries of America Downtowns, Los Angeles
AT THE CITY HALL BRIDGE GALLERY

Los Angeles – The Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) is pleased to present the exhibition ***Tapestries of America Downtowns, Los Angeles*** at the City Hall Bridge Gallery, featuring the works of Los Angeles-based artist Yukata Fukuhara. The show will run from March 12 to April 11, 2008.

Tapestries of America Downtowns, Los Angeles is the first collection of a series of images that transforms downtowns into a kaleidoscope of colors, textures, and forms. Using a palette of historical structures, modern skyscrapers, alleyways, fire escapes, street lamps, and archways, ***Tapestries*** stimulate the senses with stunning mosaics representing everyday life in multicultural metropolitan areas.

The concept of ***Tapestries*** is first to draw the viewer's attention with the colorful energy and overall graphics that represents Downtown Los Angeles. The Homba Buddhist Temple, the Disney Concert Hall, the California Plaza, MOCA, the Cathedral of the Angels, the United Artist Theater, and the Stillwell Hotel with its fire escapes are amongst the stunning structures included in the Los Angeles ***Tapestries*** series.

The exhibition is only a sample of the over sixty images of the Los Angeles ***Tapestries*** series. Yukata Fukuhara is presently creating San Francisco and Chicago ***Tapestries***.

Yukata Fukuhara excelled in graphic and photographic arts at an early age. His talent and passion landed him at UCLA where he concentrated on film. While attending the famed Art Center School of Design, Fukuhara opened his studio, Fukuhara Photography, Inc. His artistic talent was recognized in 1972 by the Long Beach Museum of Art with a *One Man Exhibition* featuring 27 color and black and white prints.

ABOUT THE CITY HALL BRIDGE GALLERY

The City Hall Bridge Gallery is a facility of the City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs and is located at 201 N. Main Street, City Hall, 3rd Floor, Los Angeles, 90012. Admission is free. The Gallery is open Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For general information, the public may call 323.644.6269.

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The Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) serves as a leader to generate and support high quality arts and cultural experiences for Los Angeles residents and visitors. DCA also advances the social and economic impact of the arts and assures access to arts and cultural experiences through grant making, marketing, public and community arts programming, arts education, and creating partnerships with artists and arts and cultural organizations in every community in the City of Los Angeles.

DCA grants \$3.4 million annually to over 300 artists and nonprofit arts organizations and awards the Artist-in-Residence (A.I.R.) and City of Los Angeles (C.O.L.A.) Individual Artist Fellowships. It provides arts and cultural programming in numerous Neighborhood Arts and Cultural Centers, theaters, and several arts and education programs for young people. The Department operates two historic monuments, directs public art projects, and manages the City's Arts Development Fee, Art Collection, and Murals Program. DCA markets the City's cultural events through development and collaboration with strategic partners, design and production of creative promotional materials, and management of the culturela.org website.

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