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SKYLAB modern art Announces *Live and Local: The Hip Mix of Music and Art*

Laguna Beach, CA. – Hot art parties aren't just on First Thursdays anymore. On Saturday April 11 at 6pm, SKYLAB modern art gallery owners Doug and Lydia McLaughlin will take the Laguna Beach art scene to the next level with the debut of *Live and Local*: a night of local art, local music, with proceeds going to a local charity. This premiere monthly event is unlike any others, and is in addition to the gallery's well established First Thursday following.

"There's really nothing like this happening in Laguna," says Doug McLaughlin. "Orange County is full of exceptional emerging artists and musicians, and we wanted to provide the right venue for meeting them."

The talent will include Laguna Beach's own Sean Woolsey, a painter known for his unique approach to human life within the animal kingdom. The imagery is wild, yet contained. A recent piece features a bold portrait of a tiger painted a top a pastel background of drippy paint daubs. *Live and Local* will be his first show of his promising art career. For more information about Sean Woolsey, please visit: seanwoolsey.com

Music will be provided by Tavis Bohlinger, a LA-based acoustic guitarist. His laid back lyrics coupled with cool guitar riffs will be the perfect complement to SKYLAB modern art's candlelit patio and signature martinis. For more information about Tavis Bohlinger, please visit: tavismusic.com

In true SKYLAB modern art fashion, a portion of the proceeds from the pieces sold will go charity. Falling Whistles is the ambitious project of LA resident Sean Carasso, and will receive all benefits raised through *Live and Local*. Its goal is to end the grotesque war in the Congo, specifically the use of children as military. For more information about Falling Whistles, please visit: fallingwhistles.com

About SKYLAB modern art: SKYLAB modern art is dedicated to exposing a unique and progressive perspective on contemporary art. It was founded in November 2008 by Laguna Beach couple Doug and Lydia McLaughlin. SKYLAB modern art is located in the heart of Laguna's art district, just off of South Coast Highway, near French 75. For more information about SKYLAB modern art, please visit: skylabmodernart.com

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