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Press Release

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PERRY L. MEYER FINE ART presents

“Clay Walker: A Retrospective”

March 13, 2009 – May 2, 2009

**Opening reception in conjunction with *Kettner Nights*
Friday, March 13, 2009 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

For Immediate Release - San Diego, CA 92101

Event Summary:

Perry L. Meyer Fine Art presents the exhibition of prints and paintings by the late San Diego artist Clay Walker. The exhibition will be available for viewing beginning Friday, March 13, 2009 through Saturday, May 2, 2009.



The opening reception for this significant exhibition will take place on Friday, March 13, 2009, from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m., in conjunction with ***Kettner Nights*** presented by galleries and artists of the art and design district of north Little Italy (NoLI).

Perry L. Meyer has been a private art dealer for 30 years, specializing in original graphics, limited edition prints, and other works on paper from the 18th century to contemporary works. With a keen eye and knowledge that he has acquired through his life-long love and passion for graphics and works on paper, Perry Meyer opened a public gallery space in June 2006, located in the booming art and design district in Little Italy in the historical Studio Arts Building on Kettner Blvd.

Exhibition Details:

This exhibition will consist of primarily prints (woodcuts, linocuts, etchings, serigraphs and mixed media), complimented by oil paintings, watercolors, drawings and sculptures. Clay Walker is a master of diverse art media, but in printmaking he found his niche in the contemporary art world. He has artwork in the world's leading museums including the Museum of Modern Art, the Library of Congress and the San Francisco Museum of Fine Arts. His artwork has been shown in over 200 exhibitions throughout the US and internationally and he has been honored with numerous major awards.

Clay Walker was born in 1924 in Kentucky. His father was a sign painter and artist. Clay's interest in art began at the age of three when he took his father's paints and brushes and painted the barn door. During his school years he continued his art endeavors and education. While serving in the Army during World War II, he always had a sketchbook with him. In 1944, when he was sent to England to recuperate from a wartime wound, he met and married Muriel.

Upon his return to the states, he designed and built homes, while his artwork started to sell in galleries. His obsession to study art led him to attain a college degree with a major in painting and a minor in art history. Teaching art, at private schools and colleges, both in the US and internationally, became the next rewarding experience in his art career.

In 1955 the Walkers ventured back to England and then Paris, where Clay studied at the Ecole De Beaux Artes. It was during this time that he met Picasso; later he was part of an exhibition in Michigan with Picasso, Warhol and other notable artists.

Returning to the US in the early 1960's, he became the director of the San Antonio Art Institute, Texas. In 1963 Clay moved to California, where he built a house with an art studio and continued teaching art at several colleges. This was the beginning of his reclusive period.

In 1968 Clay moved his family to Escondido, where he designed and built his final house and studio. This house incorporated a huge sculpture in the pool area, influenced by Clay's Seminole and Cherokee heritage. Art is present all over the house, from the enameled cabinet knobs to the huge paintings and mixed media prints that grace the walls. He remained reclusive, spending the majority of his time in the studio and with family, mixed in with an occasional game of golf.

Clay Walker died in March 2008.

'He did not leave this world without contributing a great deal to its beauty. He left an abundance of art which can be shared with all who recognize his talent...' – Muriel Walker.



Gallery Information:

Perry L. Meyer Fine Art offers original graphics, limited edition prints, and other works on paper, specializing in 18th - 20th century artists. The gallery provides full art consulting services for purchasing and selling artwork, including framing, shipping, appraisals, and restoration. Perry L. Meyer Fine Art is a proud associate of the former Sothebys.com

With over 30 years of experience, owner Perry Meyer offers his expert consultation services to assist novice and seasoned collectors who have an interest in original graphics. His reputation is based on integrity, professionalism, and extensive knowledge to provide his clients with the assurance and confidence needed to build a world-class art collection.

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Gallery Hours:

Tues thru Thur: 11 – 5 p.m.
Fri & Sat: 11 - 6 p.m.
Or by appointment

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