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Oakland, CA. – August 25, 2011: Interfaith Art Exhibit Brings Together Muslim, Christian, and Jewish Artists

For the past five years, three congregations in Oakland, California have worked to find common ground and explore their common roots as representatives of the three Abrahamic faiths of Islam, Christianity, and Judaism. The Islamic Cultural Center of Northern California, Montclair Presbyterian Church, and Kehilla Community Synagogue have shared interfaith events and dialogue. They have joined together for worship services, harvest celebrations, and meals. This Faith Trio is now sponsoring an interfaith art exhibit to express their commitment to interfaith understanding, coexistence, peace and cultural exchange.

The exhibit “Diverse Visions of Harmony: An Interfaith Art Exhibit” features a very wide range of artwork. Over 90 pieces of art were selected for the exhibit from 40 artists. Paintings, photography, ceramics, beadwork, stained glass, metal work, sculpture, fabric art and mixed media are all represented.

Artists range in age from 16 to 93 and adhere to many faith traditions. Artists from all around the greater Bay Area are represented.

The exhibit will take place September 17 through October 22, 2011, at the Islamic Cultural Center of Northern California, 1433 Madison St. in downtown Oakland. An opening reception for artists, the Faith Trio communities and the public will be held Saturday, September 17, 6 – 9 pm.

The exhibit will be open Thursday through Saturday, 10 am to 4 pm, or by appointment.