

## **"Oklahoma is O.K./Seasonal Rituals 1959" collection of paintings and drawings by Heidi Hardin on display in Mandeville**

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"Oklahoma is O.K./Seasonal Rituals 1959," a collection of oil paintings and drawings by Heidi Hardin, will be on display from October 8-12 in the Mandeville Recital Hall at the University of California, San Diego.

Recital Hall hours are 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7-10 p.m. Wednesday. Debbie and Susan Aves, 12-year-old concert pianists, will perform at an opening reception from 5-8 p.m. Monday, October 8.

Hardin, a Master of Fine Arts candidate in the UC San Diego Department of Visual Arts, designed the show specifically for display in the Recital Hall.

She described the show as iconographical and autobiographical, with the subjects of her paintings taken from old home movies and family photographs. The exhibit is built around four panels depicting the four seasons. In the background, a tape recording of children practicing the piano will be played.

Hardin said her own childhood in Oklahoma was "beautiful and poignant," but that the paintings also reflect the conservatism and conformism of the place and time.

The exhibit is Hardin's MFA show. She recently returned from a nine-month internship at the Whitney Museum of American Art, where she pursued an independent study program for painters and sculptors.

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