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**COLORFUL MURALS ILLUSTRATE
OC FOREVER SUMMER POOLSIDE AT HILTON ANAHEIM**

ANAHEIM, Calif. (September 14, 2011) – Brilliantly rendered images of seaside life, colorful stylized human figures actively enjoying their vacations, and surfers riding the big waves will soon decorate the newly renovated outdoor pool area of Orange County’s largest hotel and its premier convention and leisure destination.

The stirring murals are the result of a competition sponsored by Hilton Anaheim and MUZEO, Southern California’s newest museum, to find and commission three talented muralists for the unique opportunity to have their work seen by tens of thousands of hotel guests and the public. A panel of judges led by MUZEO and Hilton Anaheim’s executive committee made the final decisions.

Located at the hotel’s main pool entrance, on the patio, and at the towel hut, the murals will illustrate the theme line, *OC Forever Summer*, in keeping with Southern California’s mild climate and forever summertime attitude. Commissioning the murals also conveys the community's welcoming spirit and reflects the Hilton’s efforts to develop a progressive community within the local arts district.

The stylized vacationers represent the brushwork of Apple Valley, California-based artist Robin Knilans Morrow, who has been working as a professional artist for more than 20 years. Los Angeles, California-based artist Gus Harper, who has been working as a professional artist for more than 12 years, painted the surfers. The talented muralist behind the realistic images of birds, shells and other life by sea is Anaheim-based Piccolo Battle. He has been working as a professional artist for more than 20 years.



More than one million dollars was spent in renovating the area, including adding a giant water bucket, a poolside lounge and grilling station, and more. The hotel completed a \$60 million renovation in 2009.

“The mural contest has provided an opportunity for our winning local artists to showcase their talents while giving us memorable artwork that depicts the essence of Orange County through the *OC Forever Summer* theme,” said Shaun Robinson, General Manager, Hilton Anaheim. “We’re very grateful for their efforts and know that their unique works will offer an even more inviting environment for our guests.”

The finished murals will be unveiled at a special event on Tuesday, Sept. 20 where the winning artists and their creativity will be honored.

Hilton Anaheim is located at 777 Convention Way in Anaheim, California.

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MEDIA ALERT

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Imaginative designs commissioned by Hilton Anaheim and Muzeo will be revealed on Tuesday evening, September 20.

- WHAT:** Hilton Anaheim, Orange County's largest hotel and its premier convention and leisure destination, and MUZEO, Southern California's newest museum, recently joined forces to find and commission three talented muralists for the unique opportunity to have their work seen by tens of thousands of hotel guests and the public. A panel of judges led by MUZEO and Hilton Anaheim's executive committee made the final decisions.
- WHO:** The three winning muralists are Apple Valley-based artist Robin Knilans Morrow, who has been working as a professional artist for more than 20 years; Los Angeles-based artist Gus Harper, who has been working as a professional artist for more than 12 years; and Anaheim-based Piccolo Battle, who has been working as a professional artist for more than 20 years.
- WHEN:** The finished murals will be unveiled at a special event on Tuesday, Sept. 20, from 6 until 8 PM, on the hotel's pool level, where the winning artists and their creativity will be honored. The event also includes delicious fare, one-of-a-kind works of art and a special performance of Anaheim's hit show, Battle of the Dance.
- WHY:** The mural contest provided an opportunity for the winning artists to showcase their talents while giving the hotel memorable artwork that depicts the essence of Orange County through the *OC Forever Summer* theme. More than one million dollars was spent in renovating the area, including adding a giant water bucket, a poolside lounge a grilling station, and more. The hotel completed a \$60 million renovation in 2009.
- WHERE:** Situated on the fifth floor at the hotel's main pool entrance, on the patio, and at the towel hut, the murals illustrate the theme line, OC Forever Summer, in keeping with Southern California's mild climate and forever summertime attitude. Hilton Anaheim is located at 777 Convention Way in Anaheim, California.

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