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The G2 Gallery

**Emerging photographers' group show opens at G2
Gallery in Venice, CA**

*G2 gallery showcases photography by six local photographers featuring images
that capture the uniqueness of our natural world*

Venice, CA – On December 5, 2008 the highly anticipated *Emerging* exhibit opens at the G2 Gallery in Venice, CA. The *Emerging* artists are an eclectic group of individuals who initiate the conversation of purist ideologies and technological advancements in the field of photography. All are successful professionals with careers ranging from medicine and real estate to business management. They share a common passion for photography and an appreciation for the world in which they live.

All of the artists currently reside in California.

LOCATION:

The G2 Gallery (www.theg2gallery.com)
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About *Emerging* artists:

Justin Black received his undergraduate in Fine Art Photography and Art History at George Washington University, where the maturity of his work was recognized through awards in graduate-level juried competition. A promising career as a

photographer and licensing specialist led him in 1999 to work with Galen and Barbara Rowell of Emeryville, California. Following the Rowells' tragic deaths in August 2002, Justin took over running the successful gallery, image collection, and workshop program now located in Bishop, California. The Rowells' profound influence and inspiration has pushed Justin's work in new directions, driven by the search for extraordinary qualities in the dynamic landscape.

Daniel Gottlieb came to California from Chicago to attend the University of Southern California and subsequently the School of Law at the University of California at Berkeley. Mr. Gottlieb served four years as a Los Angeles County Deputy District Attorney, mainly dealing with the streets of Venice, CA where the G2 Gallery is located today. He eventually founded G&L Realty Properties. When Dan married Susan Lenman Gottlieb, their shared interest in photography and conservation became the catalyst for the founding of the G2 Gallery. As a hobbyist photographer, Dan has traveled to many exotic locations around the globe, specifically Antarctica, where many of his photographs exhibited in the G2 Gallery were taken.

Susan Gottlieb has always had a deep appreciation for the natural world around her. A devoted plant enthusiast, conservationist and bird watcher her Beverly Hills garden has been designated by the National Wildlife Federation as an Official Backyard Wildlife Habitat, and has been featured on Hewell Houser's television show *California Green*. She is also a dedicated supporter of non-profit organizations benefitting the nature and wildlife of southern California. Among these organizations are the Friends of Ballona Wetlands of which Susan is an acting board member, the Theodore Payne Foundation, and the California Native Plant Society.

Alan Mayer began as a restaurant entrepreneur/co-creator of the Bratskellar and Josephina's restaurant chain. Now retired from the restaurant business, Mayer is taking

his ambition, vision and lifelong love of the medium and applying it to his photography. Mayer's landscapes are internationally acclaimed and have been published in the prestigious International "Loan Collection." In 2008, Alan was awarded the international PPA's photographer of the year award Silver medal.

Ira Mintz M.D. a radiologist, has specialized in "photo-graphing" patients for forty years. After traveling to Africa with his family in 1994, he was so moved by the natural beauty of both the environment and its inhabitants he began his photographic journey to capture the spirit and joy of our environment, overcoming his unique issue of being a colorblind photographer in the process.

Carl Richards began his career as the general manager of a fashion-advertising agency working closely with art directors and covering photo shoots. He went on to become an Assistant Director/Producer for the film industry, affording him the opportunity to work with academy award winning cinematographers instilling a deep appreciation for the use of lighting in composing an image.

About G2 Gallery

Established in March 2008, the G2 Gallery in Venice, California, is a green art space with a dedicated focus on contemporary nature and wildlife photography. In keeping with G2's commitment to supporting arts and the environment, the gallery presents exhibitions with eco-conscious themes, donating the proceeds from all art sales to environmental charities and hosts free concerts and lectures that bring awareness of critical issues to our community.

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