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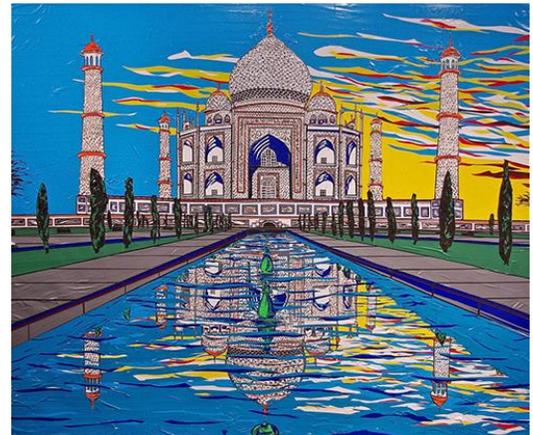
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***JOE GIRANDOLA: DUCT TAPE DREAMS EXHIBITION
COMING TO CHANNING PEAKE GALLERY
Reception for the Artist on October 6; Open to the Public***

(SANTA BARBARA, Calif.) – The Santa Barbara County Office of Arts and Culture and Arts Commission is pleased to announce *Joe Girandola, Duct Tape Dreams*, a new exhibition in Channing Peake Gallery opening October 6, 2016 and running through January 20, 2017. Channing Peake Gallery is located in the County Administration building at 105 E. Anapamu Street.

The public is invited to attend a free reception for the artist to be held in the gallery from 5-7 p.m., October 6 during the “1st Thursday” art walk.



“Joe Girandola visualizes the world’s greatest architectural wonders out of duct tape,” said Office of Arts and Culture Chief Curator Maiza Hixson. “Employing a quick fix material to depict now-crumbling artifacts, Girandola creates a wry commentary on past and present empires.”

While duct tape was originally used to seal ammunition cases during World War II, Girandola first discovered it as a creative medium after using it to protect his hands while training as a stone carver in Florence and Pietrasanta, Italy. Retaining a tie to his Italian heritage and traditional fine art practice, the artist continues to interpret the act of sculpting by taping to produce chiseled-looking, monolithic forms.

“Girandola’s seemingly grandiose, yet kitsch portrayal of civilization simultaneously resonates as a hybrid fine art/folk aesthetic,” Hixson added.

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