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Exhibitions: Call For Entries 2012: *Alexander Bogdanov, Samantha Fretwell, Jae Hee Lee, Ilia Ovechkin, and Rimas Simaitis*

Bloom Projects: Ethan Turpin, *Video Feedback: Pixel Behaviors*

Opening Reception: Saturday, October 20, 6:30–8 pm Santa Barbara Contemporary Arts Forum

Exhibitions on view: October 21 – December 23, Santa Barbara Contemporary Arts Forum

ADMISSION IS FREE

Introducing the region's up-and-comers, CAF presents the winners of our annual open call in **Call for Entries 2012**. **Bloom Projects** will feature local artist Ethan Turpin in *Video Feedback: Pixel Behaviors*.



Left to right: Samantha Fretwell and Katy McCarthy, *Instrument*, Wood, steel, leather, bearings, and chimes, Dimensions variable, Courtesy the Artists; Alexander Bogdanov, *Memories of the Neva* (St. Petersburg, Russia), 2011, *Frozen river, hot tea, conversations, recollections*, Dimensions variable, Courtesy the Artist

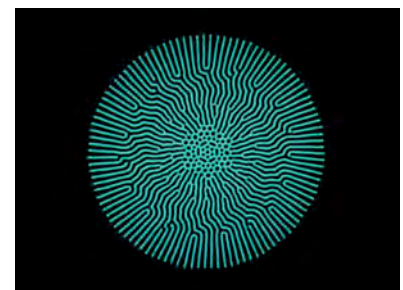
CAF showcases five stand-out artists—Alexander Bogdanov, Samantha Fretwell, Jae Hee Lee, Ilia Ovechkin, and Rimas Simaitis—from the tri-counties in our annual **Call For Entries (CFE)** group exhibition. **Call For Entries** provides a unique opportunity to work with a curator and produce newly commissioned work for a full-scale group exhibition at CAF. This year's artists will create work that ranges in media, gender, and point of view, reflecting the sophistication and diversity of the Tri-County area.

Winners were selected from a pool of over 100 applicants in the fall of 2011 by a panel of distinguished jurors made up of artists and art professionals currently working in the visual arts field including: Grace Kook-Anderson, Curator at Laguna Art Museum, Laguna Beach, CA; John Spiak, Director/Chief Curator of the California State University, Fullerton, Grand Central Art Center, Santa Ana, CA; Shane Tolbert, past **CFE** artist, Houston, TX; and Geoff Tuck, independent art writer, Los Angeles, CA.

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Bloom Projects: Ethan Turpin, *Video Feedback: Pixel Behaviors*

Santa Barbara-based artist, Ethan Turpin will create a dazzling projected installation of video feedback patterns, which resemble pantheistic design and microorganisms. Optically hypnotic, Turpin generates a system of pixel relationships derived from video's inherent geometry to transform the screen into a repeating vortex. This human-scale, real-time animation allows viewers to walk amongst it, evoking an uncanny feeling that life has emerged within the system.



Ethan Turpin, *Video Feedback: Pixel Behaviors*, 2010, Site-specific installation, Kala Studio, Berkeley, CA 2010, Courtesy the Artist

Ethan Turpin received his BFA from Kansas City Art Institute, MO. He has been awarded the Visions For A New California Award (2010) and the William T. Colville Memorial Grant (2006). Turpin has recently shown at the California Museum of Photography, University of California, Riverside; 18th Street Arts, Santa Monica, CA; and Kala Art Institute Gallery, Berkeley, CA.

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About the Santa Barbara Contemporary Arts Forum: The Santa Barbara Contemporary Arts Forum (CAF) is a non-profit, non-collecting alternative art space dedicated to the exhibition, education, and cultivation of the arts of our time. Celebrating its 36th anniversary in 2012, CAF is the premier venue for contemporary art between Los Angeles and San Francisco. CAF is located at the Paseo Nuevo Shopping Center Upper Arts Terrace in downtown Santa Barbara, CA. New in 2012: visit our second location, CAF Satellite @ Hotel Indigo Santa Barbara at 121 State Street! For more information call CAF at (805) 966-5373, or Hotel Indigo Santa Barbara at (805) 966-6586.

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