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(IMAGE: *Drill Team*, 2009 Pigment print on Aluminum, 51"x81")

Deborah Oropallo: POMP

June 26th to September 18th, 2010

GATEHOUSE GALLERY HOURS: *Wednesday – Friday, 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM. Call 707-226-5991 x 25 for information about tours of the di Rosa.*

OPENING RECEPTION: Saturday, June 26, 2010, 6 – 8 PM
Members' Preview 5 – 6 PM

Napa, California – May 6, 2010 – di Rosa is pleased to present ***POMP*** an exhibition drawn from recent series of work by ***Deborah Oropallo***.

Deborah Oropallo uses a computer rather than the brush, and has always preferred a systematic approach to her digitally constructed paintings. ***POMP*** features a varied range of her work, including pieces from her *Guise* and *Wild Wild West* series where she addresses the issue of adornment, pageantry and costume. The *Guise* series is focused on the symbolic function of 17th century portraits of aristocrats, emperors and kings through elements of dress, gesture signifiers of wealth and power, with results that are imaginary representations of female figures. In her *Wild Wild West* work, fringe, spangles, lassos, and six-shooters—central elements of rodeo—are digitally arranged and layered to startling effect, suggesting ghostly and feminized versions of the Marlborough Man that play on collective notions of American West pop mythology.

Born in Hackensack, NJ in 1954, Oropallo received her BFA (1979) from Alfred University, Alfred, NY, and MA (1982) and MFA (1983) from the University of California, Berkeley, CA. She has been widely exhibited, and her work is in public and private collections throughout the United States, including the **di Rosa** collection. Oropallo is represented by Stephen Wirtz Gallery in San Francisco.

ABOUT DI ROSA

Located on 217 extraordinarily beautiful acres in the Carneros Region of southern Napa Valley, di Rosa is a place that provokes the imagination and artistic spirit of our time in an extraordinary landscape, through celebration of the art and artists of the Bay Area. The renowned di Rosa collection covers more than half a century of work from many noted and distinguished artists, attracting thousands of visitors annually for exhibitions, tours, lectures, and family events.

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