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***SUBLIMINAL: HIDDEN MESSAGES***  
**NATIONAL JURIED EXHIBITION AT ARTS COUNCIL**

**CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO** – Friday, June 3 from 5 to 9 p.m., the Arts Council of Southeast Missouri will host an opening reception for *Subliminal: Hidden Messages*, a national juried exhibition presented by the Bank of Missouri in downtown Cape Girardeau. *Subliminal: Hidden Messages* encouraged artists to enter works that include subliminal stimuli to reinforce the content of their works.

Internationally represented artist Ali Cavanaugh was invited to jury the exhibition. Cavanaugh's paintings are created in a "modern fresco" process on kaolin clay and have been the subject of numerous national and international solo and group exhibitions. They have been featured on book covers, countless Internet features such as the Huffington Post, Fine Art Connoisseur, and Hi-Fructose and in numerous print publications including The New York Times Magazine, American Art Collector, and American Artist Watercolor.

In her Juror's statement, Cavanaugh said that she "looked for work that moved [her] in an intuitive and mysterious way." The exhibition will feature artwork from nearly thirty artists working in ten states, including locations as far away as Washington, Arizona, and New York. Artwork will encompass a variety of media including painting, digital art, printmaking, jewelry, and installation.

The piece selected to be the "Best of Show" winner, and the recipient of the \$500 cash prize, will be unveiled at the reception on Friday evening. Second place and third place will also be named during the 6:00 p.m. ceremony.

*Subliminal: Hidden Messages* is brought to the community by the Bank of Missouri, a strong supporter of the Arts Council of Southeast Missouri.

The Visual Arts Cooperative will also feature new works on display in the Jean A. Chapman Gallery of the Arts Council.

Join other arts patrons and supporters in viewing the *Subliminal: Hidden Messages* exhibit. The Arts Council of Southeast Missouri is located at 32 North Main Street in Cape Girardeau, MO. Galleries are open Tuesday- Saturday, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.