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Justin Kernes, 25, was named Best Emerging Artist of 2014 by the Brea Gallery, where he has a solo photo exhibit.

COURTESY OF JUSTIN KERNES

Justin Kernes of Brea has a solo photography exhibit at the Brea Gallery.

The 25-year-old was thrilled when he was recently named Best Emerging Artist of 2014 by the gallery.

His exhibit is part of the gallery's "Made in California," which had 1,050 entries. His photos are unique and colorful. He specializes in location photography.

Kernes created a beautiful 64-page book of his pictures in December called "Wild & Untamed" featuring portrayals of American settlers from the 1900s living in the historic Southwest. You can see some of the photos in the book at justinkernes.com/wilduntamed.

What does he do for fun?

"I frequent the local rock climbing gym. It gives me some good exercise and mental clarity," he said. "The things I take pictures of are the things I do for fun. I like to hike and backpack, camp and stargaze, eat great food and drink coffee, travel to new places and make nice things with my hands. 'Real life' has a tendency to get in the way of being creatively productive."

"Made in California" will remain open until May 9. The Brea Gallery is open noon to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday.

Justin Kernes is a former Mt. SAC photography student. He was named "Emerging Artist of 2014" by the Brea Art Gallery and recently had a solo exhibition of his photographs there.

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