

MEDIA ALERT—Amgen Tour of California/Stage 5 Time Trial in Solvang

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UNIQUE SOLVANG GIFT TO BE GIVEN TO AMGEN TOUR OF CALIFORNIA STAGE 5 WINNER

WHAT: One-of-a kind sculpture carved out of serpentine rock found on nearby Figueroa Mountain (location of favorite training rides for pro and amateur cyclists in the Santa Ynez Valley.)

WHO: Carved by local Santa Ynez Valley artist John Cody, world renowned for his work in serpentine and marble. He came to the Valley in 1967 at the age of 18 and has been has been sculpting for more than forty years. Still in his teens, he got a full page review of his work in the *Los Angeles Times*. His works are in private and public collections all over the globe.

Fun Factoid: Cody even carved a twenty-ton serpentine Triceratops for Knott's Berry Farm in Buena Park, California.

WHY: To commemorate the winning time trial cyclist with a rare, precious gift unlike any other—that symbolizes the strength and energy of the cyclist as well as the beauty of Solvang and the surrounding Santa Ynez Valley.

Digital photo will be available after Awards Presentation at 3:00pm.

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