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# NTC Foundation Announces ARTS DISTRICT Collaborative Program Recipients

The non-profit organization awarded \$15,000 to six new projects promoting creativity in the community and supporting the great things NTC Foundation tenants are doing

SAN DIEGO, CA (May 12, 2021) – NTC Foundation has announced its next round of ARTS DISTRICT Collaborative Program recipients designed to "welcome the public in," and invite guests to "reawaken their creativity". The ARTS DISTRICT Collaborative projects were made possible by the NTC Foundation with generous support from the Bank of Southern California and Liberty Station retail partner, The Seligman Group and the Seligman Family Foundation. Six of ARTS DISTRICTS Liberty Station's tenants were awarded a total of \$15,000 to advance the work of the tenants, engage the community, and continue the transformation of the ARTS DISTRICT into a thriving arts and culture destination for the region. Now in its third year, the Collaborative Program has awarded over \$80,000 to various NTC Foundation tenants.

"Our Collaborative program gives us the opportunity to support and celebrate our tenants and their creative ideas," said Lisa Johnson, President & CEO of NTC Foundation. "We are excited and hopeful for the inspiring ideas offered by the tenants selected during this round and would like to give a big thanks to our sponsors who made this possible."

The following organizations and events were selected for the of 2021 program.

## TITLE: Perspective Film Screening / New Americans POV

Organization: San Diego Filipino Cinema in collaboration with New Americans Museum

Date: May 29, 2021

Tickets: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/3da57m23">https://tinyurl.com/3da57m23</a>

San Diego Filipino Cinema in collaboration with New Americans Museum will present the virtual Perspective Film Screening / New Americans POV of two award-winning films from two new American and POC filmmakers from the Philippines and Nigeria. An insightful discussion with filmmakers Drama Del Rosario and Peter Okojie will follow the screening of their films. Drama's film discusses issues of the LGBTQ experience and challenges of coming out in a religious and military family. Peter's film discusses issues of poverty, economics, and a family's aspirations for survival in Nigeria with the wife's accidental

introduction to boxing. Linda Sotelo of The New Americans Museum and Benito Bautista of San Diego Filipino Cinema will moderate the discussion.

#### TITLE: Dance is in the Air

Organization: San Diego Dance Theater in collaboration with Malashock Dance and San Diego Ballet

Date: May 21- June 13 Tickets: www.artstix.com

Malashock Dance, San Diego Ballet, and San Diego Dance Theater announce the return to live dance productions in the DANCE IS IN THE AIR FESTIVAL on an outdoor stage at ARTS DISTRICT Liberty Station. The three companies have spent over a year working in virtual platforms to continue to create and perform dance, and were thrilled to collaborate on the vision, design, fundraising, and procurement of an outside stage. Their goal is to address the unique challenges presented during the pandemic and reinvigorate the performing arts community with a series of safe, live performances offered for the first time in well over a year.

# TITLE: Day of Art

Organization: San Diego Brain Injury Foundation in collaboration with VELTZ Fine Art

Date: TBD

The San Diego Brain Injury Foundation, in collaboration with Veltz Fine Art and Lovejoy Creations, will produce a virtual Day of Art event for brain injury survivors. Day of Art is an opportunity for brain injury survivors to engage with creation of art projects in a variety of mediums as a form of art therapy. Art has been shown to be beneficial to brain injury survivors, helping with focus, concentration, and anxiety reduction. Survivors can learn basic art techniques during Day of Art that they can use even after the event is completed. In addition, many of the survivors served are experiencing significant social isolation due to COVID-19 and this event will help maintain their connection to others in the context of a positive activity. This event, including art kits mailed to registered participants, will be offered free of charge.

## **TITLE: CineScore**

Organization: Outside the Lens in collaboration with Young Lions Jazz Conservatory

Date: Fall 2021

Outside the Lens in collaboration with the Young Lions Jazz Conservatory will present CineScore, a multisession media + film scoring program for high school students. Students will collaborate on a multimedia project, creating a short narrative, documentary, or hybrid film together. The Young Lions students will then write, play, and record an original musical score in a live studio session. The outcome of the project will be a short film with an accompanying original music score co-produced and co-created by youth from both organizations, culminating in a virtual premiere, and online distribution via multiple platforms.

# TITLE: The Rosin Box Project and Outside the Lens

Organization: The Rosin Box Project in collaboration with Outside the Lens

Date: TBD (Fall 2021)

The Rosin Box Project (TRBP), in collaboration with Outside the Lens, will present a free, 3-day movement photography workshop in early summer catering to middle and high school students across the San Diego region. Students will engage with professional teaching artists and dancers, producing dance photography that will be showcased in the Dorothea Laub Dance Place. Working with Outside the Lens, TRBP will be targeting middle school and high school groups already engaged with both nonprofits, including student bodies at San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts and Coronado School of

The Arts. TRBP and Outside the Lens will also pay special attention in this free workshop to hold space for BIPOC and LGBTQIA+ students.

TITLE: San Diego Craft Collective and Hakkai present: Public Demos on Craft & Aquascaping

Organization: San Diego Craft Collective in collaboration with Hakkai Aquascape Design Gallery

Date: TBD

San Diego Craft Collective in collaboration with Hakkai Aquascape Design Gallery will host 4 in-person craft-based demonstrations showcasing Hakkai's special aquascaping skills and San Diego Craft Collective's skills in woodworking and craft. The workshops will be open to the public and offered free of charge. They will build upon each other, meaning the series will have aquascape demonstrations by Hakkai, and other demonstrations led by San Diego Craft Collective showing how the artisans together form a more complete and beautiful object. The demonstrations are family friendly, open to all ages, and will be aired via Instagram, Facebook Live, and YouTube.

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#### **About NTC Foundation**

NTC Foundation was established in 2000 as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit to enrich the lives of San Diegans by renovating this signature community asset and creating, facilitating, and operating ARTS DISTRICT as a100-acre creative district. Visitors experience the arts, culture, creativity, and cuisine that are the hallmarks of the San Diego region and enjoy innovative experiences in a historic setting at Liberty Station that inspire lives for generations to come. <a href="https://www.ntcfoundation.org">www.ntcfoundation.org</a>

#### **About ARTS DISTRICT Liberty Station**

ARTS DISTRICT Liberty Station is San Diego's largest Arts & Cultural District located in historic buildings at the former Naval Training Center in the Liberty Station neighborhood, near Downtown on San Diego Bay. With 100 park-like acres, the ARTS DISTRICT is home to nearly 145 museums and galleries, artist studios, dance companies, fine dining, creative retail and other organizations that showcase San Diego's creative community and provide innovative experiences for the public. www.artsdistrictlibertystation.com