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ARTS DISTRICT LIBERTY STATION

Monthly Newsletter

April 2026



April is Arts, Culture, & Creativity Month

Since 2019, [CA for the Arts](#) has led a statewide month-long celebration of the arts every April, building visibility, fueling advocacy, and bringing communities together around a simple, essential truth: arts and culture are not luxuries. They are the foundation of thriving communities, a vital workforce, and a healthy democracy. We're kicking off our celebration with local artist Chikle and a series of [community painting days](#), as well as a [First Friday](#) packed with activities and creativity, and culminating with our [25 year celebration on April 30](#). Join the movement by [taking a class](#), exploring our [Open Air Gallery](#), catching a [play](#) or [improv show](#), or participating in one of the many [activities happening this April](#).

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COME TOGETHER

Celebrating 25 Years of Arts District Liberty Station

Arts District Liberty Station is 25, and we're throwing a party worthy of the occasion. Join us for an evening honoring the people, programs, and place that have made this creative community thrive for a quarter century. Enjoy signature dishes from Arts District restaurants, live music from the Young Lions Jazz Conservatory's All Star Ensemble, and a dance performance by our Emerging Artists. Plus, get an exclusive sneak peek at the newest Arts District development from The Team at Mr. A's & The Admiral Project. Arts District Liberty Station's 25th Anniversary Celebration will take place on **Thursday, April 30th, 2026**.

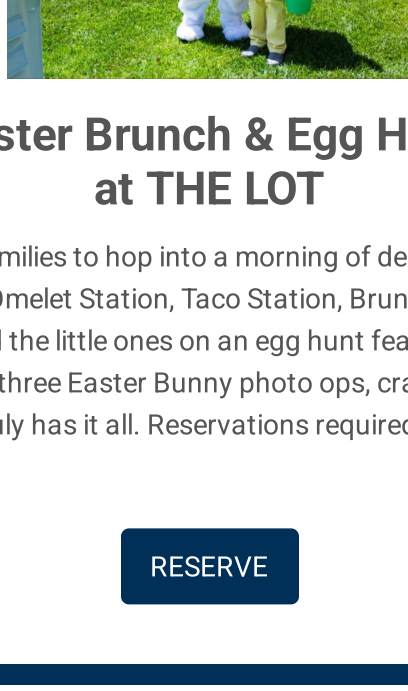
TICKETS

First Friday

April 3, 2026

Guests are invited to experience Arts District Liberty Station on the First Friday of every month. Meet working artists, discover outdoor public art installations, wander and explore all that Arts District has to offer at historic Liberty Station. On Friday, April 3, enjoy the opening [reception of Paradise on Earth](#) at the San Diego Watercolor Society and check out the [new colorful pieces](#) at JWL Art Design. Get to know the artists at their open studios including [Susie Zol](#), [Lauren LeVieux](#), and [Leslie Piece](#). Get your body moving at Malashock Dance or your comedy fix at [Mockingbird Improv's](#) new [medieval-themed show](#).

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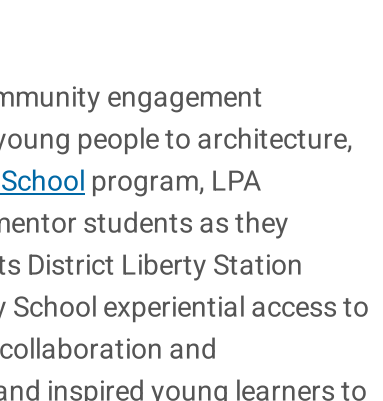
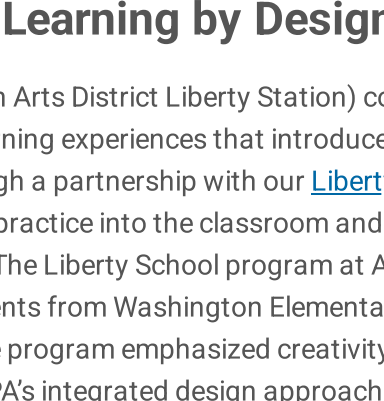
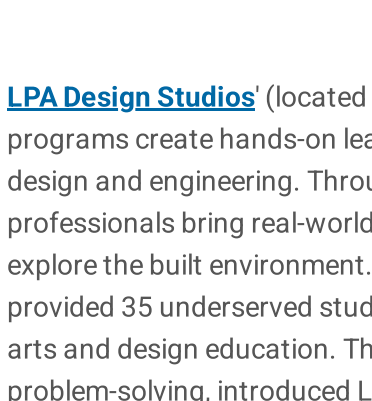
Easter Brunch & Egg Hunt at THE LOT

[ZENTRL](#) at THE LOT invites families to hop into a morning of delicious all-you-can-eat brunch and Easter fun. Feast on the Omelet Station, Taco Station, Brunch Bites, Salads, Dessert Spread, and more — then send the little ones on an egg hunt featuring Golden Eggs with [THE LOT](#) movie tickets inside. Add three Easter Bunny photo ops, crafts, and games, and you've got an Easter morning that truly has it all. Reservations required — reserve early, this one sells out!

RESERVE

New Emerging Artists in Visual Arts Studio

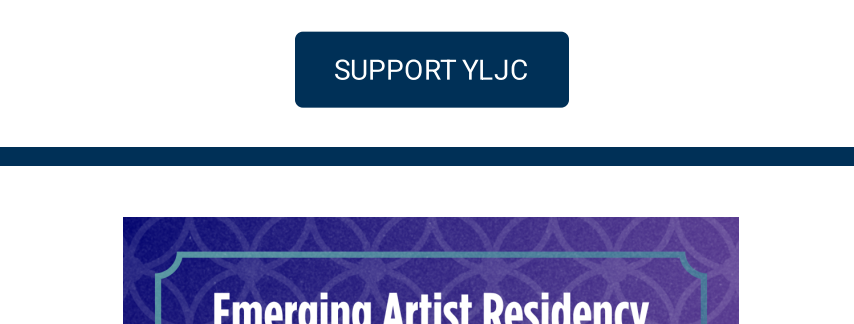
You might have seen our newest [Emerging Artists in Residence](#) for Visual Arts [Audrey Gingras](#) (she/her) and [Ana Saad](#) (they/them) now in residency through July 2026. Audrey uses stained glass, fused glass, ceramics, and steel welding, to explore themes of memory, transience, and ritual. Ana is a multimedia artist working in primarily ceramic and fiber mediums to create sculptural works which speak to queer identities, human nature, and communal interactions. Check out their progress in residency by visiting their studio on the second floor of Barracks 14, 2770 Historic Decatur Rd.



Liberty School students from Washington Elementary School explored architecture, structural engineering, landscape architecture and interior design through presentations, guided activities and model making at LPA Design Studios.

Learning by Design

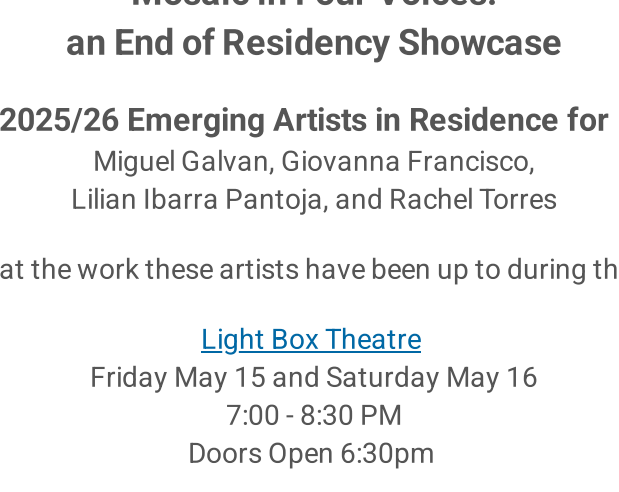
[LPA Design Studios](#) (located in Arts District Liberty Station) community engagement programs create hands-on learning experiences that introduce young people to architecture, design and engineering. Through a partnership with our [Liberty School](#) program, LPA professionals bring real-world practice into the classroom and mentor students as they explore the built environment. The Liberty School program at Arts District Liberty Station provided 35 underserved students from Washington Elementary School experiential access to arts and design education. The program emphasized creativity, collaboration and problem-solving, introduced LPA's integrated design approach, and inspired young learners to see themselves as future architects, designers and engineers. "Working with the Liberty School program for the past two years has been one of the most rewarding collaborations I've been part of," said LPA Structural Engineer Alex Negulescu. "Nothing is more fulfilling than hearing a student say they want to be an engineer when they grow up."



Jacobs Jazz Orchestra headed to the Big Apple

We are proud to share that **Jacobs Jazz Orchestra** of [Young Lions Jazz Conservatory](#) has been selected as one of 20 high school bands nationwide to compete in the prestigious Essentially Ellington High School Jazz Band Competition & Festival, presented by [Jazz at Lincoln Center](#). This is a tremendous honor for our students, for Artistic Director Gilbert Castellanos, and for the entire San Diego music community, made possible through the extraordinary generosity of **Dr. Irwin Jacobs**. Please join us in congratulating Jacobs Jazz Orchestra on this remarkable achievement. The journey to New York begins now.

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Save the Date!

Mosaic in Four Voices: an End of Residency Showcase

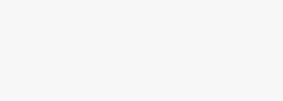
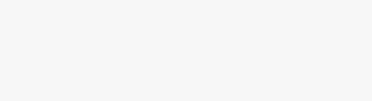
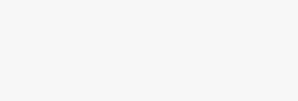
Featuring 2025/26 Emerging Artists in Residence for Dance Arts

Miguel Galvan, Giovanna Francisco,
Lilian Ibarra Pantoja, and Rachel Torres

Take a peek at the work these artists have been up to during their residency.

[Light Box Theatre](#)
Friday May 15 and Saturday May 16
7:00 - 8:30 PM
Doors Open 6:30pm

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