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NTC Foundation Announces ARTS DISTRICT Collaborative Program Recipients

The non-profit organization awarded $16,000 to seven new projects promoting creativity in the community and supporting the great things NTC Foundation tenants are doing

SAN DIEGO, CA (June 23, 2022) – NTC Foundation has announced its next round of ARTS DISTRICT Collaborative Program recipients designed to welcome new visitors to ARTS DISTRICT while addressing diversity, creativity and social change. The ARTS DISTRICT Collaborative projects were made possible by the NTC Foundation with generous support from the Bank of Southern California and RiverRock Real Estate Group. Seven projects by ARTS DISTRICTS Liberty Station’s tenants were awarded a total of $16,000 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 fourth year, the Collaborative Program has awarded over $76,000 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 2022 program.

TITLE: Children’s Garden
Organization: Treehouse Academy in collaboration with San Diego Craft Collective
Date: Summer
Location: Dorothea Laub Music & Arts Center (2650 Truxtun Rd)
If you plant it, they will come. Treehouse Academy and San Diego Craft Collective are building a children’s garden outside of the Dorothea Laub Music & Arts Center featuring seasonal vegetables, herbs, and native plants. Children from both organizations will participate in building the garden, planting the seeds, building benches and fences, and maintaining the area.

TITLE: International Make Music Day
Organization: Apt 4 Music in collaboration with Songbirds Music
Date: June 21, 2022
ARTS DISTRICT Liberty Station comes alive with the sounds of music in celebration of International Music Day. Join Apt 4 Music and Songbirds Music from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. for an all-day music production featuring music workshops along with a final grand performance at 4 p.m. in North Promenade (2848 Dewey Rd) by a junior band provided by Apt 4 Music.

TITLE: Metal & Mud Wall Art Workshop
Organization: Rekindle Pottery in collaboration with AG Ambroult
Date: July 23, 2022
Location: North Promenade (2848 Dewey Rd)
Pottery and jewelry design come together for one special workshop where participants will create a small piece of wall art with the use of premade/pre-cut pieces of metal and ceramic that are strung together in a decorative manner. Amy of AG Ambroult and Amber of Rekindle Pottery both share a passion for creating new opportunities in the arts for people who may not have the means to access artist endeavors. The goal is to offer this class to disadvantaged women who may not otherwise have access to creative outlets. This workshop is free to help eliminate the financial barrier that often prevents people from accessing an art class.

TITLE: Teaching Artist Professional Development Day
Organization: Malashock Dance in collaboration with CoTA (Collaboration Teachers and Artists) and KIT (Kids Included Together)
Date: August 6, 2022
Location: Malashock Dance Studio (2650 Truxtun Rd, Suite 104)
This is a free workshop designed for teaching artists and classroom teachers who are passionate about working with art teachers. During the workshop, teachers will learn ways to enhance the experience of their students through the arts.

TITLE: The Rosin Box Project and Outside the Lens
Organization: The Rosin Box Project in collaboration with Outside the Lens
Date: September 3, 2022 & September 4, 2022
Location: Dorothea Laub Dance Place (2650 Truxtun Rd, Suite 201)
This free, two-day workshop will explore dance on film. Students will work with professional teaching artists and dancers, exploring how to highlight dance best on camera and the post-production work involved in creating a dance film short. The final videos will be shown in a First Friday Showcase at the end of the project on September 17, 2022.

TITLE: Uplifting Gestures
Organization: Artist Leslie Pierce in collaboration with Malashock Dance
Date: September 17, 2022
Location: Central Promenade (2641 Truxtun Rd)
Contemporary artist Leslie Pierce will be doing a public outdoor drawing capturing the movement of the dancers of Malashock Dance. Founder and Artistic Director, John Malashock will lead the dancers and give a behind-the-scenes talk on choreography. After the event, Leslie will create two unique installations. One will incorporate attendees drawing into an installation (location TBD), and the second will be a video mapping installation piece of gestures at Leslie Pierce’s studio.
Birds in Motion
Organization: San Diego Dancer Theater in collaboration with Mockingbird Improv
Date: November 13, 2022 & November 19, 2022
Location: Light Box Theater (2590 Truxton Rd, Suite 205)

Birds in Motion is a two-day collaboration that will consist of two main components: a workshop open to the public, and a performance incorporating students from the workshop, along with a piece developed by the two professional companies.

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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 a 100-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. www.ntcfoundation.org

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