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Temecula artist's new public art is selected for Arts District Liberty Station in San Diego

SAN DIEGO – Arts District Liberty Station will be illuminated this holiday season with a new temporary art sculpture, "Toying with Light" by Nico Meyer, a Temecula artist. Selected by the NTC Foundation's Art in Public Places Committee, "Toying with Light" is the fourth annual Illuminate the Season art installation. The kinetic light sculpture will be lit Nov. 30 as part of the kickoff event for Salute the Season, a full calendar of festive events celebrating the holidays from November through January.

Meyer, a San Diego-based artist and structural engineer, has been fabricating metal and wood sculptures for over 10 years. He holds a master's degree in structural engineering from the University of California San Diego. Meyer's experience with mathematics, structures and algorithms has major influence on his art practice, he said. Through art he explores the beauty of contrast, simplicity versus complexity and uniformity versus randomness.

"Our brains are pattern-making machines," Meyer said. "Individuals and communities actively create and alter patterns. This piece represents shared experience, a quality that makes the holidays special."

"Nico Meyer's interactive sculpture caught our attention due to its scale and intriguing lighting. We look forward to the surprise, awe and wonder it will bring," Vicki Reed, committee chair of NTC Foundation's Art in Public Places Committee, said.

The Art in Public Places Committee, established by the NTC Foundation, is dedicated to commissioning significant and engaging visual and performing art in Arts District Liberty Station to attract visitors, create a sense of place and provide insight into the history and culture of the San Diego-Baja border region.

"Toying with Light" will be installed in the Legacy Plaza, near the Dick Laub NTC Command Center and in the heart of the Arts District. Over 100,000 people are expected to visit the Rady Children's ice rink and the plaza during the holiday season.

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