

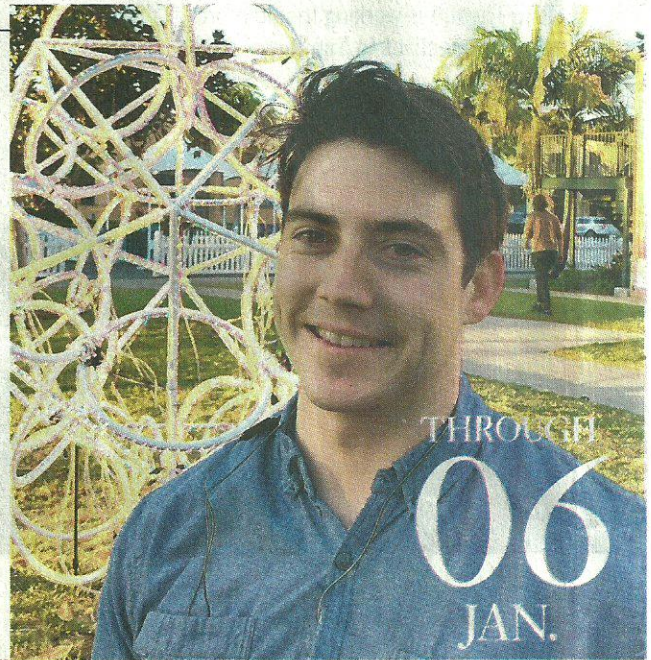
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“Toying With Light”

Through Jan. 6. Legacy Plaza, near the Dick Laub NTC Command Center. ntcfoundation.org/art-in-public-places/toying-with-light

In the near-perfect climate of San Diego, outdoor art brings creativity to locals around the county. Bringing playful and interactive art to the San Diego art scene this holiday, Arts District Liberty Station kicks off its fourth annual “Illuminate the Season” event with a new installation in Legacy Plaza by local artist Nico Meyer. This year’s large-scale, interactive piece, “Toying With Light,” invites the public to play with movement and light, blurring the line between artist and viewer. Meyer, a structural engineer and artist, explores the beauty of pattern and form in his piece. “The main inspiration was I wanted to make a large-scale kinetic sculpture, but that can get costly. I realized you can create a kinetic work with a static object and moving lights. ... I purposefully made it interactive, so you can change the lights and movement. With enough people standing around, it triggers sensors to create more intense light and movement.”

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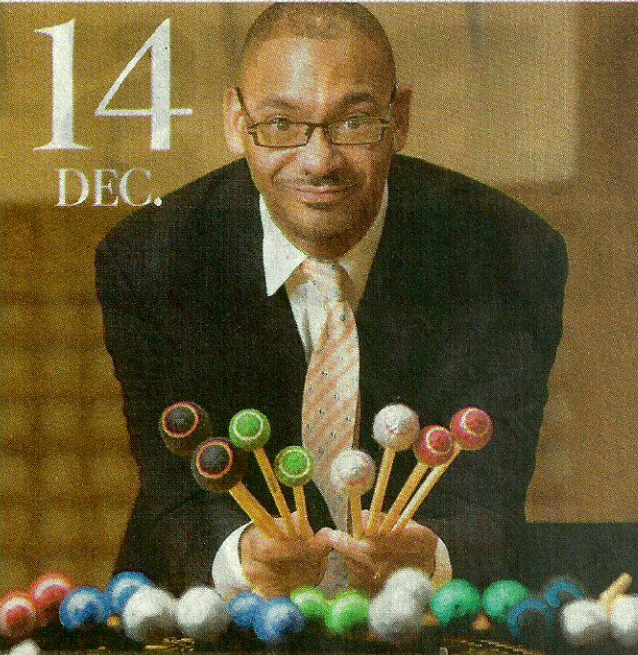


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Jason Marsalis & The 21st Century Trad Band

7 p.m. Friday. Museum of Making Music, 5790 Armada Drive, Carlsbad. \$25-\$30. (760) 438-5996. museumofmakingmusic.org

Expect a colorful palette of mallets when ace vibraphonist Jason Marsalis performs Friday at the Museum of Making Music. At 41, he is the youngest musician in New Orleans’ famed first family of jazz, and — according to his saxophone-playing brother, former “Tonight Show” band leader Branford — the most talented. In 2011, Jason became the youngest recipient in history of the National Endowment for the Arts’ prestigious Jazz Masters award, which he received alongside his brothers, Branford and Wynton, and their esteemed father, pianist Ellis Marsalis. Jason has spent much of the past decade focusing on vibraphone, not drums, his first instrument. For his Friday night concert with his 21st Century Trad Band, he’ll perform in a trio setting with bassist Will Goble and drummer Dave Potter.

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