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2019 ARTS DISTRICT COLLABORATIVE GRANT ANNOUNCED \$20,000 FOR ARTS, MUSIC, CINEMA, DANCE IN ARTS DISTRICT LIBERTY STATION

SAN DIEGO, March 26, 2019 - The NTC Foundation has announced the first recipients of its **ARTS DISTRICT Collaborative Grant** designed to engender collaboration among the District's resident arts and culture groups. Grants ranged from \$2,500-\$5,000. A total of \$20,000 was awarded to five new projects to advance the work of the groups, engage the community, and further help transform the historic 100-acre former Naval Training Center site into a thriving arts and culture destination for the community.

"The ARTS DISTRICT was founded in 2000 to enrich the lives of San Diegans by renovating 26 historic buildings at the former Naval Training Center so that the general public can experience the arts, culture and creativity of the San Diego region," explained long-time NTC Foundation executive director Alan Ziter. "With 17 buildings renovated and 100% occupied, the NTC Foundation is now in a position to provide grants and encourage our tenants to work together to create community programs."

The following organizations and events were selected for the 2019 grants. Applications for future granting will be available in September, 2019 here: https://ntcfoundation.org/collaborative-grant/

EVENT: Filmmersion presented by San Diego Filipino Cinema

In collaboration with: the New Americans Museum & THE LOT Liberty Station

Dates: Workshop March 9 & 10. March 27 screening

Locations: New Americans Museum & THE LOT Learn More: http://sdfilipinocinema.org/events/

The San Diego Filipino Cinema in association with the New Americans Museum will host Filmmersion - a three-day film immersion workshop .The best three short films will be selected to be shown at THE LOT prior to the showing of "The Women of The Weeping River."

EVENT: Spring in the Arts

In collaboration with: Recreational Music Center, Monart School of Art and THE LOT

Dates: March 25-29, Community activity April 13, 12-3 pm

Locations: Recreational Music Center, Monart School of Art & THE LOT

Learn More: https://www.monartsandiego.com/spring_camps.html

Spring into the Arts is a collaborative camp that will offer a 5-hour camp experience for kids ages 4-14. The camp will conclude with a showcase of what they learned at THE LOT. The showcase will allow for the public to view their work on the big screen, while also enjoying music by Recreational Music Center.

EVENT: Live Arts Fest

In collaboration with: San Diego Dance Theater, Kevin Winger Fine Art, Lauren LeVieux, M.

Fishbeck Studio Gallery, Veltz Fine Arts, Blue Pearl Art and Alexa Rose Art

Dates: April 3-7 and April 11-14 at 7:30pm

Location: White Box Live Arts

Learn More: http://www.sandiegodancetheater.org/whitebox/live arts fest.html

Dance-makers and 5 visual artists from ARTS DISTRICT Liberty Station work collaboratively to inspire each other for the annual Live Arts Fest; creating original images for projection. The artists and dance-makers worked together, holding collaborative meetings and using the descriptions of the intended work from the dance-makers to serve as a point of inspiration.

EVENT: FIRST FRIDAY Performance

In collaboration with: DanzArts with guest Emilio Ochando and San Diego Dance Theater

Dates: October 4 FIRST FRIDAY

Location: White Box Live Arts, Dorothea Laub Dance Place

Learn More: https://www.danzarts.org/

DanzArts La Esencia Flamenca Dance Company will be hosting world renowned and award-winning flamenco dancer, Emilio Ochando. A free Flamenco workshop will take place and be open to the public. Prior to performance, attendees will have an opportunity to meet Ochando during a reception at 5:30 pm-7 pm with a free demonstration of his work and a history of flamenco at Dorothea Laub Dance Place.

EVENT: Summer Solstice featuring art, music, dance & dining

In collaboration with: Visual and performing artists, businesses and restaurants in the ARTS DISTRICT and Liberty Station.

Dates: June 21, 22 & 23

Location: Varied locations around ARTS DISTRICT Liberty Station Learn More: https://libertystation.com/do/summer-solstice-2019 A three-day weekend of visual and culinary experiences to awaken your senses to the summer sun! The celebration begins Friday evening and runs through Sunday evening. The sunny daytime hours will be filled with Public Art participation and special events found in and around the ARTS DISTRICT's more than 25 artist studios, to live music, dance performances and yoga in the lawn. The evening hours are focused on indulging the taste buds and dining under the stars at one of the many top rated restaurants' patios. Restaurants at Liberty Station can be found here. The Sunday night finale will be Congé the "ArtGastro Progressive Dinner of a Lifetime!" Dinner Guests will progress thru 3 Courses served at Veltz Fine Art, Solare Ristorante and MK Envision Galleries, with Celebrity Chef Flor Franco & Executive Chef Filippo Piccini. Early Bird Tickets go on sale 3.28 at www.palettexevents.com \$110 -\$150

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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 120 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

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