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NEW “ILLUMINATE THE SEASON” PUBLIC ART LIGHT SCULPTURE AT ARTS DISTRICT LIBERTY STATION

San Diego, CA - November 12, 2018 - ARTS DISTRICT Liberty Station will be illuminated this holiday season with a new temporary art sculpture, “Toying with Light” by Nico Meyer. 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 on November 30 as part of the kickoff event for **Salute the Season**, a full calendar of festive events celebrating the holidays from November-January.

Nico 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. Through art he explores the beauty of contrast, simplicity versus complexity and uniformity versus randomness. “Our brains are pattern-making machines,” says Meyer. “Individuals and communities actively create and alter patterns. This piece represents shared experience, a quality that makes the holidays special,” he said.

“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,” said Vicki Reed, Committee Chair, NTC Foundation’s Art in Public Places Committee.

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.

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“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 on November 30. Over 100,000 people are expected to visit the Rady Children’s Ice Rink and the Plaza during the holiday season.

Nico Meyer is the fourth artist to be commissioned for the **Illuminate the Season** installation series. Past installations include Jay Newington’s “Snow Time! Like the Present?” (2017), Ben Cabral’s “Some Faces From Around Here” (2016), and Smadar Samson’s “ICE” (2015). “Toying with Light” will be on view until January 6, 2019.

PROJECT DETAILS

“Toying with Light” by Nico Meyer

Dates: November 30, 2018 - January 6, 2019

Location: Outside Dick Laub NTC Command Center, 2640 Historic Decatur Rd, San Diego, CA 92106

Rendering available for media.

The **Illuminate the Season** installation is part of **Salute the Season**, a full calendar of festive events from November to January. An exciting addition to this year’s holiday offerings is *Intersections*, a one-of-a-kind dance performance about the history, tradition, landscape, and architecture of the ARTS DISTRICT, by local dance company **transcenDANCE**. On November 17, the **Rady Children’s Ice Rink at Liberty Station** kicks off in the heart of ARTS DISTRICT. **Café Mingei** and **Shop Mingei** will be open for skaters to enjoy coffee, tea, and treats. The premier event, **Liberty Station Tree Lighting & Holiday Festivities** follows on Friday, November 30. Marvel as the 90 ft. Norfolk Pine is transformed with thousands of twinkling lights and colorful ornaments and get your first look at the new “*Toying with Light*” holiday light art installation by Nico Meyer. Grab a seat on the lawn or spend the evening rocking around the tree with live music, visit with Santa and Friends, enjoy refreshments and merry decorations. The **Liberty Station Hanukkah Celebration and Menorah Lighting** will take place on Monday, December 3. Rabbis from Chabad Downtown and Chabad of Pacific Beach will be in attendance. Live entertainment will take the stage for all to enjoy. Explore the ARTS DISTRICT in its holiday finest at the **Friday Night Liberty Holiday Extravaganza** art walk on December 7. Shop for creative holiday gifts, meet working artists, enjoy dance, theatre and music performances, and visit museums and galleries.

For all **Salute the Season** events, visit www.ARTSDISTRICTLibertyStation.com

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Salute the Season Highlighted Events

Intersections- November 18, December 2, 7, & 15. For time & location, visit www.tdarts.org/events.

Rady Children's Ice Rink at Liberty Station- November 17-January 6, 10:00am-10:00pm

Shop Artists With a Creative Twist- November 17-18, 11:00am-6:00pm

Small Business Saturday- Saturday, November 24, all day

Liberty Station Tree Lighting & Holiday Festivities- Friday, November 30, 5:00-9:00pm

Liberty Station Hanukkah Celebration & Menorah Lighting- Monday, December 3, 5:00-6:00pm

Friday Night Liberty Holiday Extravaganza- Friday, December 7, 5:00-9:00pm

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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 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

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.

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