



## ARTS DISTRICT

LIBERTY STATION

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### **ARTS DISTRICT Liberty Station Salutes the Season with Public Art Commissioned to Coincide with Holiday Festivities** ***Point Loma Nazarene University Graduate Selected to Create New Work***

October 28, 2016 - Holidays at Liberty Station are a time to skate, create and celebrate. One local artist is taking the “create” part to heart. Native San Diegan **Benjamin Cabral**, a multi-disciplinary artist, will create a new public art installation just in time for the season of holiday festivities. Cabral is the second artist to be commissioned by the NTC Foundation to create an original piece for the holidays. Last year, La Jollan Smadar Sampson created brightly-lit “ICE” for display in front of the Dick Laub NTC Command Center.

Cabral’s new piece, entitled *Some Faces From Around Here*, will be placed in Fieldstone Legacy Plaza adjacent to the Fantasy on Ice Skating Rink, and will be unveiled on November 17 to coincide with the opening of the Rink. It will be on display through January 15, 2017. Cabral will host an artist talk on Friday, December 2 during the free monthly **Friday Night Liberty**. Ben will also create an exhibition of his works in the Martha Pace Swift Gallery at 2820 Roosevelt Road, next to Solare Ristorante. The exhibit will run concurrent with his installation in Legacy Plaza.

Ben’s colorful and playful work often utilizes craft material such as puffy paint, glitter, and fun fur. His work has been exhibited at Bread and Salt in Barrio Logan and The Keller Gallery at **Point Loma Nazarene University (PLNU)**, where he earned his BA in painting in 2016. In 2012 he placed in the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego’s ‘25 and Under’ art competition.

“Ben is a talented painter and sculptor. His work draws upon his generation's relationship and fascination with social media, consumerism and celebrity, acting as both participant and critic. He often leaves the viewer uncertain whether he is celebrating these obsessions or critiquing them, which is where his work becomes multi layered, poetic and relevant,” explained Dave Adey, MFA Professor of Art and Design, PLNU.

For the holiday installation, Cabral will create a brightly colored free standing three tiered tower surrounded by figurative cut outs. He uses images of the Point Loma community as inspiration and subject of his public art piece. Ben was inspired by community members around Liberty Station, and sought to use the moments they shared as source material for his monumental sculpture/painting. “I was inspired by the Liberty Station sign that read, ‘Collect Beautiful Moments’ so each figure will be based on a moment,” he explained.

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The work invites the viewer to post a selfie with it, capturing yet another moment, and continuing the act of community building into virtual reality. ARTS DISTRICT Liberty Station officials encourage visitors to share fun images using #Salutetheseason and #skatingselfie.

“We’re excited to continue the holiday tradition of commissioning a new work by a local artist to celebrate the holidays,” explained NTC Foundation Executive Director Alan Ziter. “Originality, creativity and innovation are at the heart of what we do and we are always looking for ways to add an artistic component to any celebration.” This installation was selected by the NTC Foundation Art in Public Places Committee and is funded by the NTC Foundation and Point Loma Nazarene University.

The Art in Public Places Committee consists of NTC Foundation board members and community representatives: **Vicki Reed**, Committee Chair and Community Volunteer; **Pamela Bensoussan**, Chula Vista City Council ; **Nathan Cadieux**, Vice President, McMillin Companies; **Lynda Forsha**, Principal - Art Advisory Services and Project Curator, Murals of La Jolla; **Victoria Hamilton**, Arts and Culture Advocate, Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation; **Mary Keough Lyman**, Community Volunteer; **Judy McDonald**, Community Volunteer; **Richard Opper**, Chair, NTC Foundation Board; **Benjamin Schenk**, COO of the LWP Group.

For more information on Ben Cabral visit, [www.benjamincabral.com](http://www.benjamincabral.com)

For a complete calendar of holiday events at ART DISTRICT Liberty Station visit [www.LibertyStation.com/ARTSDISTRICT](http://www.LibertyStation.com/ARTSDISTRICT)

#### About the NTC Foundation & ARTS DISTRICT Liberty Station



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*that are the hallmark of the San Diego region. The NTC Foundation has oversight over 26 buildings in the ARTS DISTRICT. [www.ntcfoundation.org](http://www.ntcfoundation.org)*



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*educational groups, multidisciplinary arts, fine dining, creative retail and other organizations that showcase San Diego’s creative community and provide innovative experiences for the public. The campus also features venues for indoor or outdoor events, festivals, seminars, retreats and meetings. [www.libertystation.com/ARTSDISTRICT](http://www.libertystation.com/ARTSDISTRICT)*

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