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**THE NTC FOUNDATION CELEBRATES 10 YEARS OF DEDICATION TO DANCE**

**Dance Place Dedication a Highlight of ARTS DISTRICT Liberty Station Anniversary Year**

June 1, 2017 - **San Diego** – In 2004, NTC Foundation imagined a place where dance would come alive. In December 2006, the dream was realized with the opening of Dance Place, San Diego’s first-ever building created specifically for dance. The 20,000 square foot former Navy classroom building provides San Diego a collaborative and creative home that helps strengthen an already vibrant dance sector. Formerly a Navy classroom building, it is now home to three professional dance companies including **Jean Isaacs San Diego Dance Theater, Malashock Dance** and **San Diego Ballet**, as well as countless other classes and workshops ranging anywhere from tap to flamenco. This collaboration is a founding principle which helped Dance Place become the center for advancing dance in San Diego.

The **ARTS DISTRICT Liberty Station** dance community, friends and supporters recently gathered to celebrate this 10 year milestone and mark it by officially dedicating the building to Dorothea Laub in honor of her passion for dance. **Conrad Wear**, representing arts champion San Diego City Councilmember Lorie Zapf (District 2) and NTC Foundation Board Chair **Lorie Fleet-Martin**, helped unveil a permanent plaque designating the building **Dorothea Laub Dance Place**. The celebration was attended by nearly 75 dance lovers including noted long-time dance supporter **Danah Fayman**.

Twice a week, you’ll find 89-year-old Dottie Laub tapping away in dance class at ARTS DISTRICT Liberty Station. Her love and support for dance in San Diego was what inspired the Board of Directors of NTC Foundation to select Dance Place as the building most deserving of being named in her honor for her philanthropic support to the Foundation.

All three founding dance companies presented performances and as a special touch, San Diego Ballet presented a surprise performance by Chelsy Meiss Fain, a former San Diego Ballet Company dancer and now soloist with National Ballet of Canada. Chelsy trained at Dance Place and is a favorite of Dottie’s.

“In 2004, we imagined a place with dance schools for young children and aspiring professionals and a place where professional companies could create and rehearse,” explained NTC Foundation Executive Director Alan Ziter. “We are proud to have created a home for artists to meet, exchange ideas and interact with the public. Dorothea Laub Dance Place is a place where individual artistic vision can take root.”

## About the NTC Foundation & ARTS DISTRICT Liberty Station

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*The NTC Foundation was established in 2000 by the City of San Diego as a 501(c)3 nonprofit foundation to enrich the lives of San Diegans by renovating 26 historic buildings at the former Naval Training Center to create, facilitate and operate a broad-based complex focused on experiencing the arts, culture, and creativity that are the hallmark of the San Diego region.*



**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 new 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, 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.*

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