



ARTS DISTRICT

LIBERTY STATION

ARTS DISTRICT Liberty Station Honored by San Diego Architectural Foundation ORCHID for ADAPTIVE RE-USE

SAN DIEGO – November 6, 2017- ARTS DISTRICT Liberty Station was honored with a coveted Orchid from the San Diego Architectural Foundation at their recent awards gala. On hand to accept were representatives from the NTC Foundation, The Corky McMillin Companies and OBRarchitecture.

“This past month, we celebrated 10 years of growth from ‘an unprecedented opportunity’ to a successful, thriving, nationally and internationally-recognized destination. This award caps off an outstanding 10th Anniversary year!” said NTC Foundation Board Chair Lori Fleet-Martin. “We couldn’t have done it without our partners, The Corky McMillin Companies, and the creativity of the team at OBRarchitecture,” she added.

Jurors Comments: The Orchids and Onions jury agreed that the Liberty Station Arts District was a destination for all San Diegans. A wonderful regional asset, this precinct is sensitive to scale & extremely well activated with thoughtful programming. Home to a collection of the city’s most iconic eateries and cafes, retail concepts, office and event spaces, exercise studios, and artist galleries, the Arts District provides the setting for both locals and visitors a chance to engage in the lifestyle, culture, and history that makes the city unique. A great companion to Balboa Park, this is a destination that shows off San Diego!

For nearly eighty years, the historic Naval Training Center was the *Cradle of the Navy* in San Diego. Inside its storied gates, nearly 2 million Navy recruits matured and received the knowledge and skills required for the challenges of military duty. Due to a sweeping national base closure movement, NTC was shuttered in 1997. NTC has been designated a historic property for its architectural and cultural significance and 52 buildings are listed on the *National Register of Historic Places*. In 2000, the City of San Diego set aside 26 historic buildings on 28 acres to be developed as a new hub for arts and culture in San Diego. A new mission to preserve and redevelop this extraordinary community asset into a cultural asset began under the leadership of the nonprofit NTC Foundation.

In total, 45 historic buildings are within the ARTS DISTRICT and 19 of those were renovated and are managed by The Corky McMillin Companies.

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In December of 2006, the NTC Foundation celebrated the opening of the very first building in what was then San Diego's newest arts and culture district. Now, that creative community boasts 36 completed buildings and 140 Resident Groups. "And we're not done yet," added Fleet-Martin. Plans for the future include the development of a Barracks Hotel and a 300-seat theatre for performing arts.

REVIVAL-STYLE ARCHITECTURE

- + Liberty Station's 1920s architecture was inspired heavily by the Spanish Colonial Revival-style that dominated the era.
- + Originally built in 1923 from designs by architect Lincoln Rogers, who was influenced by Bertram G. Goodhue's designs for the 1915 Panama Exhibition in Balboa Park, with original landscaping designed by the park's superintendent of the time.
- + 52 former Naval Training Center buildings are designated as a Historic District on the *National Register of Historic Places*.

The San Diego Architectural Foundation is dedicated to education and the promotion of outstanding architecture, planning and urban design throughout the San Diego region. An independent, 501c3 non-profit organization.

Photo by Brandon Means. Left to Right: Scott McMillin, Lori Fleet-Martin, Nate Cadieux, Joe Haeussler, Chris Bittner, Lisa Johnson and Alan Ziter

About the NTC Foundation & ARTS DISTRICT Liberty Station



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. The NTC

Foundation has oversight over 26 buildings in the ARTS DISTRICT. www.ntcfoundation.org



ARTS DISTRICT Liberty Station is San Diego's largest Arts & Cultural District located in historic buildings at the former Naval Training Center at Liberty Station 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. www.artsdistrictlibertystation.com

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