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**Art San Diego Returns Oct. 10-13 for Debut at San Diego Convention Center  
Programming Announced for 11th Annual Contemporary Fine Art Show  
*Art Labs, Art Talks, New Local Talent Program Plus Impact Night, Free Friday,  
Family Saturday and Young Collector's Night***

(SAN DIEGO – October 1, 2019) – [Art San Diego](#), with presenting sponsor UBS Financial Services, announces its lineup of specially curated programs for the 11th annual show Oct. 10–13, 2019, at its new venue, the San Diego Convention Center. Art San Diego is known for an immersive fine art experience featuring music, entertainment, cutting-edge talent, artistic expression and diversity through multifaceted programs. Returning are Art San Diego's acclaimed Art Labs, Art Talks, and Spotlight Program, plus a brand-new [LOCAL TALENT] program featuring San Diego artists. The four-day event kicks off Thursday evening Oct. 10 at Impact Night, where proceeds benefit the *Access to Art* partner organizations: Monarch School, Rady Children's Hospital, ArtReach San Diego, and Humble Design.

Art San Diego provides a dynamic experience for attendees, allowing them to view and interact with an assortment of works created by an international slate of artists and galleries. This year's curatorial theme is **[EXPLORE]** - Art is everywhere. Explore. Experience. Experiment. Discover. You never know when you'll find something new and truly unique along the way.

**[\[LOCAL TALENT\] PROGRAM 2019](#)**

Since its inception, Art San Diego has recognized and supported artistic talent in the San Diego Community. This year, the new [LOCAL TALENT] Program further amplifies the focus on San Diego's exceptional artistic talent. Funded by Art San Diego and Presenting Sponsor UBS Financial Services, in partnership with the ARTS DISTRICT Liberty Station and the NTC Foundation, [LOCAL TALENT] gives three to five artists, who have demonstrated exceptional talent in their field of work and are engaged in art as their career, an opportunity to exhibit at Art San Diego. Selected artists receive Art San Diego exhibition space, in addition to marketing features, and inclusion in publicity and promotional campaigns. The inaugural group features talented artists Lauren LeVieux, Lovejoy, Lisa-E, and C. Fodoreanu (Photos left to right).



## [ART SAN DIEGO AND UBS PAY IT FORWARD WITH ACCESS TO ART](#)

Art San Diego is always striving to make an impact on the local community. To further its goal of bringing the community together through art and art awareness, Art San Diego, in partnership with UBS Financial Services launched the *Access to Art* program in August 2018. With a commitment to broadening our connections by partnering with select local nonprofits, we're thrilled to announce that *Access to Art* is now an Art San Diego annual program. It all begins at Thursday's IMPACT Night, a private reception, presented by UBS Financial Services, designed to have an IMPACT on the community and our *Access to Art* partner organizations by creating awareness and opportunities for involvement with each of the organizations.

## [2019 DISCOVERIES COLLECTION](#)

The artists, galleries, and publishers exhibiting at Art San Diego showcase thousands of pieces of world-class art and on-trend, highly collectible works from across the U.S. and around the world at the show. The Discoveries Collection is a curated group of affordable pieces—each one \$3,000 or less.

[Art Labs](#) feature specially curated projects by leading galleries, art institutions and art collectives within the show. This year's Art Labs include:

- **ART LAB 1: [SAN DIEGO ART PRIZE](#)**

Now in its 13th year, the San Diego Art Prize is presented by the San Diego Visual Arts Network and dedicated to the idea that the visual arts are a necessary and rewarding ingredient of any world-class city and a building block of the lifestyle of its residents. Conceived to promote and encourage dialogue, reflection and social interaction about San Diego's artistic and cultural life, this annual award honors artistic expression. Until now, the San Diego Art Prize has been awarded to a matching of an established artist with emerging artists. Beginning in 2019, taking its inspiration from UK's Turner Prize, the Art Prize will mature into a prize with an emphasis on local artists of excellence, with a cash and exhibition award for each finalist, culminating in a larger award for the winner.

The Art Prize Committee and an independent panel of judges selected from the arts community of museum directors, journalists, curators, educators, and more, submitted nominations for artists who have exhibited outstanding creativity in the last three years. Four finalists were chosen from the nomination list for an exhibit at Art San Diego in October 2019 and the Athenaeum Music & Arts Library in May of 2020. In May, the winner will be announced. For 2019, the Art Prize finalists are Melissa Walter, Kaori Fukuyama, Alanna Airitam, and Griselda Rosas. Their exhibition will debut at Art San Diego 2019 before moving on to San Diego's Athenaeum in May 2020.

Alanna Airitam / Queen Mary



Griselda Rosas / Drawings and Stitch Collection



Kaori Fukuyama / North Park Installation



Melissa Walter / Star Cluster – Detail A



- **ART LAB 2: OSLO SARDINE BAR**

Being one of two 2018 San Diego Art Prize's winning recipients, Max Daily's most recent creation, the Oslo Sardine Bar, debuted at Art San Diego 2018 and then went on a cross-country tour. It's back for a reprise—step inside, the proprietor is charming, amusing, and quite talented. It's an experience to be remembered!



- **ART LAB 3: FREE FILM: USA**

Worthless studios' FREE FILM: USA is a public art project trekking across the United States with its final west coast stop at Art San Diego. Rolling out of Brooklyn NY in August, they've been distributing rolls of 35mm black and white film to participating photographers for free and processing in the project's 1973 Airstream trailer—converted into a professional darkroom. Check out the photographic chronicle of their journey—from Clarion PA to Detroit, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Kansas City and Denver, followed by



stops in San Francisco, Los Angeles, culminating at Art San Diego. Take a tour of the Airstream and see what the students at Monarch School captured!

- **ART LAB 4: ART SAN DIEGO SELECTS**

Look for the Art San Diego Selects Awards throughout the show. The Art San Diego Selects prestigious panel of judges will make their favorite artwork choices on Thursday, October 10, at the Opening Night Preview Party! Are their winning choices your favorites, too? Walk the show to find each one.

[Art Talks](#) offer an inside look at the artistic experience by way of panel discussions, conversations, and provocative artistic discourse with leading artists, curators, designers and art industry professionals. Additionally, each day hosts different live artwork demonstrations. Art Talks for the weekend include:



## **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12**

3:00 p.m.: ART TALK: CREATIVITY AND SUCCESS, AN ARTIST PANEL DISCUSSION  
Booth 301

Ever wonder how artists get their start? No one has the same story, but they all have passion in what inspires them and the medium that tells the story of their inspirations. Shima Shanti, Linda Roberts, and Dr. Wally Gilbert—three dynamic artists with wildly different backgrounds, share their amazing journeys to becoming successful career artists.

## **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13**

2:00 p.m.: ART TALK: TRENDING IN TODAY'S ART WORLD  
Booth 301

Looking for that perfect new piece to add to your collection? What makes "wow" in a room? Join Humble Design San Diego's Amber Courtney and Linda Mariano, Redwood Media Group's Managing Director of Marketing, as they discuss today's art scene, top trends, and what makes art collectible.

Amber Courtney is a creative interior designer who specializes in taking a holistic approach to improving everyday spaces into functional, inspiring, and empowering environments in order to improve overall well-being. She is active with Humble Design, bringing dignified spaces into the homes of recently homeless families using donated goods and furniture from the community. She has been an active contributor to over 50 homes within the last year, offering a fresh start into the lives of struggling families. A recent highlight of her career was being chosen to design three homes for the popular television series, *Welcome Home*, which airs on the CW channel Saturday mornings.

### **About Art San Diego**

Art San Diego 2019, presented by UBS Financial Services, will take place Oct. 10–Oct. 13, 2019, at the San Diego Convention Center. Entering its second decade this fall, Art San Diego is unique in bringing exceptional artwork from local, national, and international galleries together alongside outstanding show programming, live entertainment, and other exclusive events. Founded in 2009 as the first and only contemporary art show in San Diego, Art San Diego is a four-day art event that features more than 500 leading contemporary artists and offers dynamic programming that includes museum exhibitions, Art Labs, events, and Art Talks focused on collecting. Now in its 11th year, the four-day event attracts more than 15,000 high-net-worth collectors. For more information, visit [www.art-sandiego.com](http://www.art-sandiego.com).

### **About Redwood Media Group**

Since 2009, Redwood Media Group (RMG) has been revolutionizing the global fine art community by helping artists and gallery owners grow their businesses through fine art exhibitions and publications, art business education, mentoring, marketing, and social media.

Today, RMG owns and operates six fine art shows: Artexpo New York, Spectrum Miami, Red Dot Miami, Art San Diego, and Art Santa Fe. Artexpo New York, the world's largest fine art trade show for 40 years and counting, attracts more than 40,000 art enthusiasts every year, including nearly 5,000 industry buyers. Spectrum Miami and Red Dot Miami take place during Miami Art Week, an annual attraction that draws over 100,000 art collectors to the city. Over the past eight years, RMG has welcomed hundreds of thousands of visitors to their events, sold millions of dollars' worth of art, and helped thousands of unrepresented and established artists launch or grow their careers. Aside from hosting multiple high-end art shows throughout the year, RMG also owns *Art Business News*.

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