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## **ICA San Diego Receives New Grants to Continue Vision of Breaking Down Barriers to Art**

*The Recently-Awarded Grants Will Support Free C You Saturday! Events, Artist Talks, Exhibitions and Artist Mentorship Programs*

**San Diego, Calif. (DATE)** — The Institute of Contemporary Art San Diego recently received four new grants to further its vision of using art to connect people in powerful ways and build vibrant communities. [The Prebys Foundation](#), the [City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture](#), the [Institute of Museum and Library Services \(IMLS\)](#), and the C.J. & Dot Stafford Memorial Trust awarded grants to ICA San Diego. The funds will support the museum’s free C You Saturday! family events, artist talks, new contemporary art exhibitions and local artist mentorship programs across its two campuses in Balboa Park and Encinitas.

“Our community recognizes the powerful impact contemporary art has on our region,” said Andrew Utt, Executive Director of ICA San Diego. “Through our exhibitions and programs, we help people experience their world from fresh perspectives. We are grateful for the support from our grantors, donors, and sponsors which enables us to grow and refine our vision.”

In addition, ICA San Diego fosters the contemporary art ecosystem in the San Diego region by commissioning local and international artists, offering them space to create and grow professionally, by expanding the art collecting community, providing opportunities for students and young artists to enhance their skills, and by offering a safe space for the community to ask challenging questions. These recent awards come on the heels of similar funding by The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts.

“We strive to reduce barriers to contemporary art and these grants make it possible to continue that work in our community,” said Jordan Karney Chaim, PhD, ICA San Diego Curator. “We encourage everyone to visit our museum and explore a new perspective of

their world through our admission-free engagement opportunities, which help make contemporary art a little less intimidating.”

ICA San Diego invites the community to join its upcoming C You Saturday! event at its North campus located at 1550 S. El Camino Real in Encinitas, on August 17 from 4 to 8 p.m. in celebration of two new exhibitions by Manuel Alejandro Rodríguez-Delgado and San Diego’s own Melissa Walter. To register, visit <https://icasandiego.org/event/c-you-saturday-august-2024/>

In September, ICA San Diego will hold a similar opening celebration for its exhibiting artists at its Balboa Park location for Nathalie Miebach and Rafael Lozano-Hemmer. For more information as it becomes available, visit <https://icasandiego.org/event/c-you-saturday-september-2024/>

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### **About the Institute of Contemporary Art, San Diego**

ICA San Diego is a living laboratory for expanding the transformational power of art to build vibrant communities. Founded in 2021, yet built on over 100 years of combined experience, our programming is cutting edge yet accessible; daring and thoughtful; challenging and inviting. Our exhibitions, installations, commissions, classes, and workshops reflect ICA San Diego’s commitment to engage the issues of the moment and provide a space for the community to come together and consider the world in which we live. ICA San Diego welcomes everyone to gather, learn, question, and experience the new. There is no admission fee to visit our exhibitions, and donations are welcome. To help ICA San Diego reduce barriers to contemporary art, visit <https://icasandiego.org/donate/>.

ICA San Diego / Central is located at 1439 El Prado in Balboa Park.

ICA San Diego / North is located at 1550 S. El Camino Real in Encinitas.

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