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Institute of Contemporary Art San Diego Underscores Global Ties With Exclusive Art Collector Tour to Buenos Aires

Recent trip helps local collectors build internationally-recognized art collections, reconnect with ICA San Diego-commissioned works

San Diego, CA – September 17, 2024 – The Institute of Contemporary Art San Diego (ICA San Diego) proudly announces the successful conclusion of a unique and exclusive art collector trip to Buenos Aires, Argentina, held last week. This curated journey immersed a select group of local art collectors in the vibrant art scene of Buenos Aires and offered the opportunity to reconnect with artists' works commissioned by ICA San Diego during a new exhibition, attend a prestigious international art fair, visit key private collections, and more.

The group attended the opening of a new exhibition at the Colección de Arte Amalia Lacroze de Fortabat, which prominently featured works by Chiachio & Giannone—former ICA San Diego resident artists. The exhibition included several ICA-commissioned pieces using fabric donated by San Diego and Encinitas residents with hand embroidered geometric designs by the duo.

“Bringing museum-quality art to San Diego and building internationally-recognized collections is at the heart of our mission,” said Andrew Utt, Executive Director of ICA San Diego. “Our trip to Buenos Aires not only expanded our collectors’ horizons but also strengthened our connections with the global art community. We are thrilled to continue supporting and promoting contemporary art on an international scale from San Diego.”

Another highlight of the trip was ArteBA, the prestigious international art fair featuring over 60 galleries from around the globe. San Diego collectors made significant acquisitions, including works by Marcelo Brodsky, Florencia Rodriguez Gile, Valentin Demarco, as well as Mariana Telleria, and Roberto Huarcaya, artists currently showcasing their work at the Venice Biennale. One of these newly acquired pieces was prominently featured on the front page of *La Nación*, Argentina’s leading national newspaper, reflecting its exceptional quality and the prominence of the collectors’ acquisitions.



The 9-day tour also included visits to key private collections, and a rare glimpse into some of Argentina's most esteemed art collections including that of Alec Oxenford and the Colección Balanz. In addition, collectors attended a private tour of the studio of Nicola

Costantino, a world-renowned Argentine artist, as well as visited major museums such as the Museo de Arte Moderno, the Museo de Arte Contemporáneo, and the Museo de Arte Latinoamericano. The trip included a celebration of the annual gala at the Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes.

ICA San Diego remains dedicated to fostering a vibrant and diverse art scene, connecting collectors and the public with exceptional works from around the world. The recent trip to Buenos Aires is a testament to ICA San Diego's ongoing commitment to expanding the boundaries of contemporary art and enriching the cultural landscape of San Diego.

Looking ahead, ICA San Diego will continue to build upon the region's culture of collecting with its first benefit auction in partnership with Sotheby's. The auction, ICA Collect! will take place in November at ICA San Diego / Central in Balboa Park. In 2025, ICA San Diego will host local collectors in Brazil for the São Paulo Biennial. To express interest in this trip, contact advancement@icasandiego.org. More information about ICA San Diego may be found at icasandiego.org.

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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.

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