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# ICA San Diego Names Six Members to Its Board of Directors

*New Members Poised to Guide the Nonprofit Organization's Vision For a Vibrant Community Transformed By Art*

**San Diego, Calif. (November 5, 2025)**—Earlier this year, Institute of Contemporary Art, San Diego (ICA San Diego) welcomed five new members to its Board of Directors. Together, these leaders represent a dynamic blend of creative vision, financial expertise, and community leadership.

“Our new board members combine strategic insight and a commitment to building vibrant communities through the power of art,” said Andrew Utt, Executive Director of ICA San Diego. “Their collaboration and guidance will make a positive impact on our organization and the region’s arts ecosystem, and we’re excited to welcome them to the board.”

ICA San Diego is pleased to announce the following new board members:

- **Jay Bell:** Jay Bell is an artist, community leader, and business professional dedicated to advancing cultural and economic opportunity across California. He serves as an executive at TELACU, the nation’s largest community development corporation, where he is responsible for the development of community assets that strengthen underserved neighborhoods. A passionate advocate for the arts, Jay is a founding member of the San Diego County Arts and Culture Commission, where he works to expand access, equity, and support for the region’s creative community. He is also the founder of Campana Studios, a grassroots visual arts nonprofit that champions economic development, wage justice, and advocacy for San Diego County artists. As a painter, Jay explores themes of place, identity, and community in his work.
- **Yuliana Casanova:** Yuliana Casanova began her career in financial services in 2017 and has held several roles at U.S. Bank, from leading retail teams to supporting high-net-worth clients in private wealth management. In her current role as a Private Wealth Advisor Analyst, she focuses on serving women, philanthropists, and nonprofit organizations. Outside of work, Yuliana is deeply involved in the community and

volunteers with the San Diego Women's Foundation, YMCA, Veterans Village, and local food and blood banks, where she often helps support and coordinate fundraising efforts.

- **Phu Nguyen:** Phu Nguyen is an entrepreneur and arts advocate who combines business insight with creative vision. Originally from Vietnam, he earned degrees from the University of Missouri and Washington University in St. Louis before starting his career as a financial auditor at Deloitte. After moving to San Diego in 2012, Phu founded two companies—one in brand activation and another in cybersecurity—and is now developing a venture fund. Seeing the need to support local talent, he founded Lucid San Diego, a nonprofit that strengthens the city's creative economy and helps artists thrive through community and fundraising initiatives. In his spare time, Phu enjoys cycling and lawn bowling, reflecting his balance of curiosity, creativity, and community spirit.
- **C'Anne Vaughn:** C'Anne Vaughn is a retired Chief of Staff and Customer Experience Director. Most of her career has been in Corporate High Tech with areas of expertise in operations, marketing, supply chain and customer experience. She currently is a consulting partner with Amplified Impact Partners and enjoys helping individuals and organizations successfully navigate growth and transition. C'Anne's love for art and architecture began in college and has continued ever since. Museums, exhibitions and architecture are always on her list in both San Diego and while traveling.

In 2024, ICA San Diego welcomed two members to its board:

- **Ian Maxwell:** Ian was born in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, and after living in several states eventually made San Diego his home in 1983. A former competitive swimmer, he spent summers working as a lifeguard in Del Mar before earning his B.A. in Religion from Williams College. Ian served as an Officer in the U.S. Marine Corps, with deployments to Okinawa and Australia, and later worked in tactical systems and network engineering. In 2013, he founded Reviresco Wealth Advisory, an independent fiduciary firm in San Diego that helps clients navigate financial challenges with personalized strategies. Outside of work, Ian enjoys time with his wife and children, working out, spending time at the beach, and studying Eastern philosophy and Taoism.
- **Dede Watson:** Admitted to the California Bar in 1996 and the Washington, D.C., Bar in 1999, Dede began a legal career with the State of California before transitioning to transactional real estate in Washington, D.C. While raising four children in Cardiff and Del Mar, she immersed herself in community service and volunteered at her children's schools and as a Court Appointed Special Advocate for Voices for Children. Dede was introduced to ICA San Diego in 2008 (then known as Lux Art Institute) through her children's participation in its Valise Project and art classes. Today, she volunteers as an attorney with Pathways to Citizenship, manages residential real estate, and serves on the San Dieguito Academy Foundation board as well as the board of a private commercial real estate management company. In her free time, Dede enjoys ceramics at

ICA San Diego, tennis, pickleball, gardening, cooking, traveling, and spending time with family, friends, and her beloved dogs, all while continuing to explore and appreciate the world of art.

These seven individuals join current board members including **Karen Gilbert, Chair; Lany Zikakis, Treasurer; Kristen Hatfield, Secretary; Margaret Jackson, and David Welborn.** In October, the board convened in preparation for the launch of its 2026 calendar of contemporary art exhibitions, expanded learning and engagement programs, partnerships, and membership options that will offer the community even more entry points to the arts. Planning is also underway for its annual fundraiser gala, scheduled for May 16, 2026.

For more information, visit [icasandiego.org](https://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 art spaces in Balboa Park and Encinitas are places where artists show new work and the community comes together through exhibitions, programs and events. Admission is complimentary, and donations are welcome. To help ICA San Diego make art accessible to all, 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.