

## **Special Airport Arts Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda**

Thursday, September 4, 2025 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

San Diego County Regional Airport Authority Administration Building First Floor – Zenith Room 2417 McCain Road San Diego, California 92101

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### **CALL TO ORDER:**

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

### **ROLL CALL:**

Committee Members: Elsa Cameron, Cat Chiu Phillips, Bob Bolton, Robert Gleason

(Chair), Jon Graves, Clare Haggarty, Lidia S. Martinez, Matt Rich,

Adena Varner.

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### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the minutes of the March 13, 2025, regular meeting.

2. ACTION – REVIEW AND APPROVE THE DEACCESSION OF MOSAIC, *IN FLIGHT*, BY MIKE MANDEL:

RECOMMENDATION: Review and approve the deaccession of the artwork.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- 3. STAFF UPDATES:
  - Public Art
  - Temporary Exhibitions
  - Performing Arts
  - Social Media and Press

### **TOUR OF NT1**

4. TOUR OF THE NEW TERMINAL'S PUBLIC ART AND GALLERY SPACE, THE STUDIO.

### **COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS:**

### **ADJOURNMENT**:

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### SAN DIEGO COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY SPECIAL AIRPORT ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AAC) MEETING MINUTES: March 13, 2025

**CALL TO ORDER**: Robert Gleason, Chair of the Airport Arts Advisory Committee, called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm on Thursday, March 13, 2025. He noted all members were present except Matt Rich, and Clare Haggarty who arrived approximately 20 minutes later.

### **ROLL CALL:**

#### **AAC Members Present:**

Bob Bolton, Director, Airport Design & Construction (ex-officio)
Elsa Cameron, President, Community Arts International
Robert Gleason, President & CEO, Evans Hotels
Jon Graves, Director, Customer Experience (ex-officio)
Clare Haggarty, Director, Public Arts and Design, Los Angeles Metro
Lidia Martinez, Authority Board Member
Cat Chiu Phillips, Public Artist & Visual Art Resource Teacher
Adena Varner, Director of Arts Engagement, The Old Globe

#### **ACC Members Absent:**

Matt Rich, Assistant Professor of Arts at the University of San Diego

### **Airport Authority Staff Present:**

Tony Almanza, Arts Program Coordinator I
Sandra Armijo, Administrative Assistant II
Tiffany Beres, Manager of Arts
Daniel Dennert, Curator and Arts Program Manager
Amy Gonzalez, General Counsel
Angela Shafer-Payne, Vice President & Chief Development Officer
Arely Valenzuela, Assistant Authority Clerk I

### **NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. ACTION – APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 12, 2024, MEETING MINUTES AND THE JANUARY 28, 2025, SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES.

Lidia Martinez made a motion for approval and Cat Chiu Phillips seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. ACTION – APPROVE RECOMMENDED PROCESS AND ARTIST SELECTION PANEL MEMBERS FOR T2E CONNECTOR PUBLIC ART PROJECT

Tiffany Beres presented on the upcoming Public Art opportunity related to the T2E Connector which is scheduled to begin in 2027. The location of the proposed project is along the glass facade. Options were presented that displayed how the glass has been integrated into the curtain wall at other airports around the country.

It was proposed that the process to select public artists for this connector project would be through a RFQ to RFP Selection Process in three stages:

Stage 1: An Initial RFQ Review Panel will ensure that all applicants meet required experience. The panel composition will include 3 airport staff members, and 2 members of the AAC. Robert Gleason and Clare Haggarty volunteered for this role. This first panel will be responsible for ranking submissions and advancing 50 candidates to the next stage.

Stage 2: Is a RFQ Review Panel Evaluation to review and rank candidates. The panel will be composed of 4 members from the Public Art Selection Panel, 3 airport staff members, and 1 AAC member who will serve in an ex-officio capacity. Robert Gleason volunteered for this role. This panel will evaluate the RFQ submissions and shortlist up to 4 finalists. These finalists will be invited to develop a conceptual proposal and interview, for which they will receive a fee.

Stage 3: The RFP Review Panel will evaluate finalists. The panel will be composed of 4 external members from the Public Art Selection Panel, 3 airport staff members, and 1 AAC member who will serve in an ex-officio capacity. Robert Gleason volunteered for this role. This final panel will interview finalists, evaluate their proposals, and recommend 1 artist or artist-led team for the commission. The panel may also recommend an alternate.

The evaluation criteria for the RFQ and RFP selection processes were detailed in detailed in the PowerPoint presentation included in the meeting agenda (Item 4). Community members proposed for the selection panel include Teddy Cruz, Carmen Cuenca, Miki Iwasaki, Lynda Forsha, Deborah Klochko, Lauren Lockhart, Jess Berlanga Taylor, and Sally Yard.

Robert Gleason made a motion to approve, Adena Varner abstained, motion passed with one abstention.

### 3. REVIEW - T2 TEMPORARY EXHIBITION THEME FOR 2026

The AAC reviewed the proposal to host a thematic exhibition on Artificial Intelligence (AI)-created art, celebrating the evolution of technology as it intersects with human creativity noting that the origin of AI-art is related to the city of San Diego and the artist and professor Harold Cohen. The show will feature regional artists who embrace AI tools in their creative practice, further cementing San Diego as a central hub for the exploration of AI's role in contemporary art.

Lidia Martinez made a motion to approve, Clare Haggarty seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

### 4. ACTION – APPROVE RECOMMENDED ARTIST SELECTION PANEL MEMBERS FOR T2 TEMPORARY EXHIBITION FOR 2026

For the 2026 T2 Temporary Exhibition Selection Panel, Daniel presented a proposed roster including Blanca Lucia Bergman, Ceci Moss, May-ling Martinez, Joe Nalven, Eun Jung Park, Professor, Elizabeth Rooklidge, and Jason Sherry. The panel would include three members from the roster and two Airport Authority staff members, likely Daniel Dennert and Tiffany Beres.

Adena Varner made a motion for approval and Clare Haggerty seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Cat Chiu Philips will act as the ex-officio AAC liaison for the panel.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

### 5. **STAFF UPDATES:**

#### **Public Art**

Tiffany Beres provided an update on the seven public art projects planned for the New T1, along with the progress of each. She discussed the successful installation of the relocated work, *Time Interwoven*, as well as the fabrication visits to New York for Nova Jiang's *Torrey Pines* and to Colorado for Matthew Mazzotta's *Rise*.

### **Temporary Exhibitions**

Daniel Dennert discussed the upcoming temporary exhibition, *Mirror Mirror* in Terminal 2 and shared installation shots. He also addressed the open call for *Snapshot San Diego* including the update that the two built-in display cases may not be installed until after the opening. The exhibition plan is to continue to proceed with a tiered installation approach.

### **Performing Arts**

Daniel Dennert spotlighted a few recent highlights of the ongoing Concert Series and the ways that the program targeted special celebrations such as highlighting Black performers as part of Black History Month.

Daniel Dennert also discussed the Performing Arts Residency Program noting that Malashock Dance successfully completed their residency on February 7 and that Poets Underground began their residency on February 25.

### **Community Engagement**

Daniel Dennert noted that as part of the Performing Arts Residency Program Malashock Dance gave a free public event at the Dorothea Laub Dance Place in Liberty Station on February 7.

### Media

Tiffany Beres shared a few examples highlighting ongoing efforts to showcase the Arts Program to the broader public including collaborative posts with Malashock, which garnered 8000+ views on Instagram and a popular Poets Underground Post

which reached nearly 4000 people on Facebook one of the highest engagements in SANs history.

DJOURNMENT: Chair Gleason adjourned the meeting at 4:12 pm.
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ON GRAVES DIRECTOR, CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE

## SAN DIEGO REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY AIRPORT ARTS PROGRAM

### **BACKGROUND MEMO**

**Date:** August 20, 2025

To: Airport Arts Advisory Committee

**From:** Aleta Lee, Arts Program Manager - Public Art

**Subject:** Deaccession Recommendation: *In Flight*, Mike Mandel, 2009

### **ARTWORK DETAILS:**

Artwork	In Flight, Mike Mandel, 2009
Materials	Glass mosaic, grout
Current Location	Terminal 1 Southwest Rotunda
Estimated Deinstallation Costs and Replacement Value	Deinstallation Costs: \$45,000 Demolition Costs: \$45,000-\$90,000 Re-installations Costs (NT1): \$100,000 Replacement Value: \$110,000

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**: Recommend to the Arts Advisory Committee that the Airport Authority President/CEO authorize deaccession of the artwork.

### **REPORT FINDINGS:**

On July 24, 2025, The Art Team, Airport Design & Construction Department Staff (ADC), Facilities Maintenance Department contractor (FMD), and expert art contractor visited T1 to assess removal of a single mosaic panel. They found the mural was not designed for removal. It is mounted on cement board and secured to multiple 6" vertical metal studs inside the wall at various locations. This construction means the entire wall must be removed for safe deinstallation of the mosaic panels. Removal would require cutting out the entire wall section — both front and back — with the mural still attached. Given the mobilization period timing, as well as this added demolition scope to prepare the site for deinstallation of the artwork, full and even partial extraction of the work is not feasible.

The Joint Venture (JV) has designated a two-week mobilization period for all parties to vacate the old Terminal 1 before they begin demolition. During this period, site access will also be limited. Additional challenges also include: 1) Installation of scaffolding and its obstruction of critical entrance and exit path for other users of the space, 2) The inability to remove both sides of walls in the mosaic areas, 3) Added demolition work and costs which exceeds the original

deinstallation estimate and two-week mobilization period, and 4) Restricted worker shifts and overtime needed due to limited site access.

The result of this analysis finds that the artwork meets the requirements for deaccession contained in Airport Authority Policy 8.50 as outlined below:

- 1. REPAIR OR REMEDY IS IMPRACTICAL OR UNFEASIBLE: Per Authority Policy 8.50 section (1)(i)(i)(b). Based on the assessment of the work and site conditions by the Arts Team, ADC staff, FMD contractor, and expert art contractor, the estimated time to prepare the site and deinstall the work, is unfeasible within the two-week mobilization period at Terminal 1 before demolition. Additionally, the estimated cost just to prepare the site to deinstall the artwork not including repair and remedy damages that may be incurred during removal and the relocation of the work would exceed the artwork's appraised value and is thereby financially impractical for the Authority.
- 2. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE USE, CHARACTER OR DESIGN OF THE SITE: Per Authority Policy 8.50 section (1)(i)(i)(g). The proposed Airport Development Program (ADP) project requires the demolition of the existing Terminal 1 structure and artwork site. As a site-specific artwork that is integrated into the structure, damage to the artwork would be anticipated through a removal process, affecting the integrity of the artwork.

**FINAL DEACCESSION DETERMINATION**: The President/CEO will consider the recommendation from staff and the Arts Advisory Committee before making the final decision regarding deaccession of this artwork. For public art deaccessions, the Authority typically reserves the right to sell the Artwork and would give the Artist first right of refusal to purchase the work at its appraised value. Due to the unique circumstance of the Terminal 1 demolition, it is not possible to salvage the artwork. Therefore, the artist will be notified, and the Authority will destroy the Artwork.

## SANDIEGO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ARTS PROGRAM

# SAN Arts Advisory Committee Meeting

September 4, 2025



## Agenda





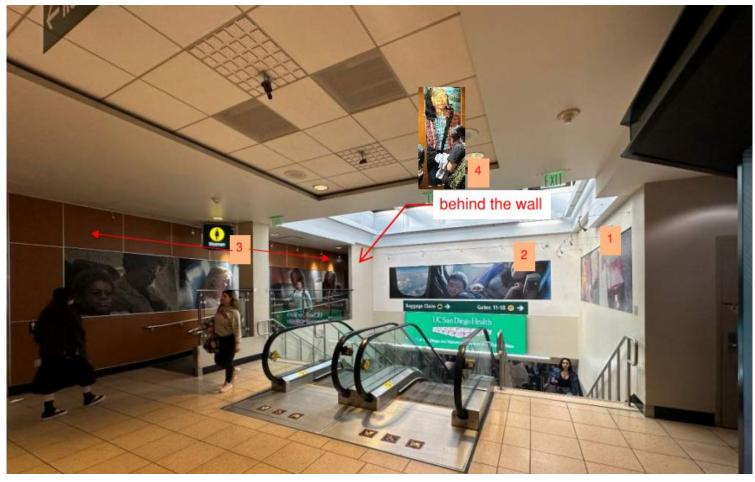




ITEM 2 - ACTION - REVIEW AND APPROVE THE DEACCESSION OF MOSAIC, IN FLIGHT, BY MIKE MANDEL



## In Flight by Mike Mandel (2009)



Mosaic locations in old Terminal 1 upstairs escalator lobby



## **Key Facts**

### Removal was Attempted and Failed

- On July 24, the Art Team, ADC, FMD contractor, and expert art contractor attempted partial mosaic removal.
   They found the artwork was not designed for removal—it's mounted on cement board attached to multiple
   6" vertical metal studs. Removing it would require cutting out the entire wall section, including demolition of the back wall.
- Because of this new extensive demolition, full or even partial extraction is not feasible within the planned two-week mobilization period.
- Additional challenges:
  - Need for scaffolding in hard-to-reach areas (e.g., around escalators), which could obstruct traffic during vendor/concession moves.
  - Inability to remove both sides of walls in some mosaic areas due to plumbing and height constraints.
  - Added demolition work and costs which exceeds the original deinstallation estimate and two-week mobilization period
  - Limited site access and restricted worker shifts during mobilization period.



## **Policy Section 8.50**

### Policy For The Airport Authority Arts Program

- (i) Deaccession. The Authority shall retain the right to Deaccession any Artwork in the Public Art Collection. The AAC shall review all Artwork being considered for Deaccession by deliberate, standardized procedures independent of political pressures, fluctuations in artistic taste, and public opinion.
  - i. The Authority shall Deaccession Artwork only where the President/CEO, in their sole discretion, determines that special and unique circumstances exist. In making such a determination, the President/CEO shall consider, at a minimum, whether some or all of the following criteria exist:
    - a. The condition or security of the Artwork cannot be reasonably guaranteed;
    - b. The Artwork requires excessive maintenance or has faults of design or workmanship and repair or remedy is impractical or unfeasible;
    - c. The Artwork has been damaged or has deteriorated and repair or remedy is impractical or unfeasible;
    - d. The Artwork's physical or structural condition poses a threat to public safety;
    - e. The Artwork is proved to be inauthentic or in violation of existing copyright laws;
    - f. The Artwork is not, or is only rarely on display because no suitable site is available;
    - g. Significant changes in the use, character or design of the site have occurred which affect the integrity of the Artwork;
    - h. The Artwork has been lost, stolen, or is missing;
    - i. The Artwork has received documented and unabated adverse public reaction over an extended period of time; and
    - j. Deaccession is requested by the Artist



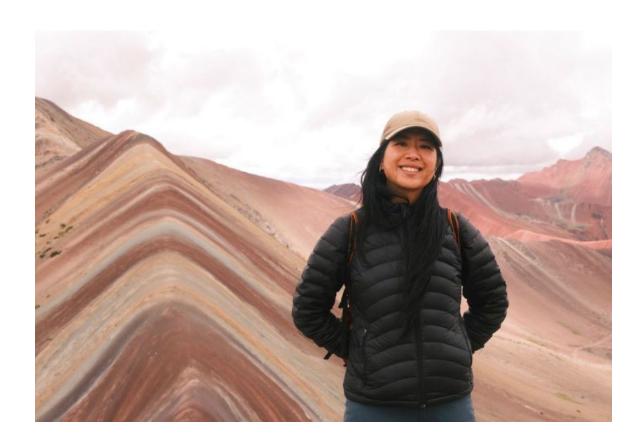
## **Staff Updates**



## Aleta Lee, Public Art Manager

Hello! I'm excited to join SDCRAA and the Art Team to manage, implement, and care for the incredible public artworks for the new Terminal 1 and SAN Airport. As a native San Franciscan, I'm enjoying all the sun and warmth San Diego has to offer. Prior to this role, I worked at the San Francisco Arts Commission (SF's public agency for the arts) for 10 years to manage public art commissions throughout the city of San Francisco, including the SFO International Airport. I loved working at SFO(!) and am thrilled to start this new chapter at SAN to continue facilitating opportunities for the public to experience fantastic artworks during their visit here.

I look forward to meeting the AAC Committee members at the upcoming NT1 opening events!





## Nick Cruz, Airport Art Program Coordinator

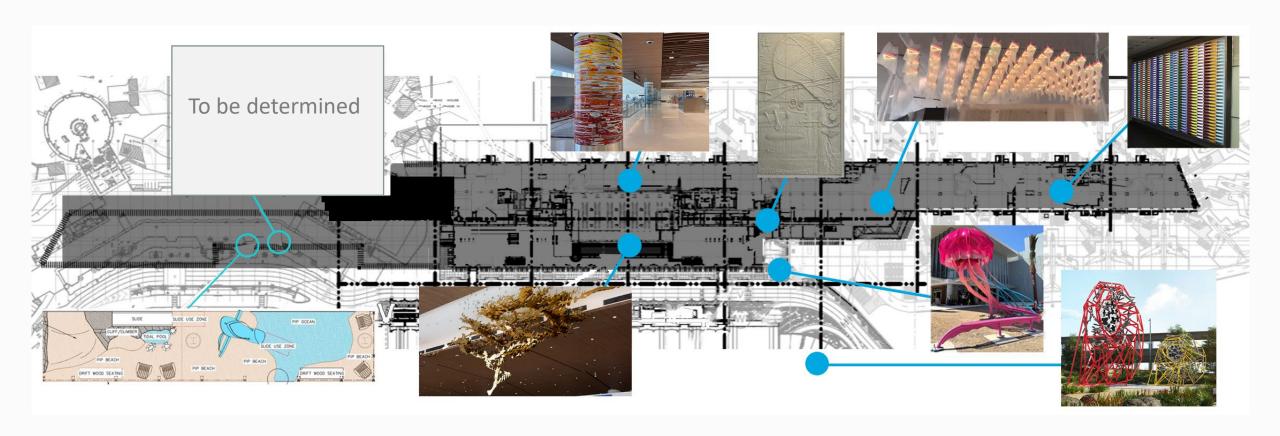
- Born and raised in San Diego, I left home in 2004 to enlist in the U.S. Air Force and returned last year.
- Now that I'm back, I'm pursuing a career in what brings me the most joy, inspiration, and fulfillment music and art. My passion began as a kid and grew into a lifelong obsession with vinyl records, street art, dance, and every form of artistry that speaks to me.
- I'm humbled and honored to be able to showcase my hometown's incredible local talent with the world.







## **New T1 Public Art Overview**







RISE installation the week of June 16, 2025, time-lapse video

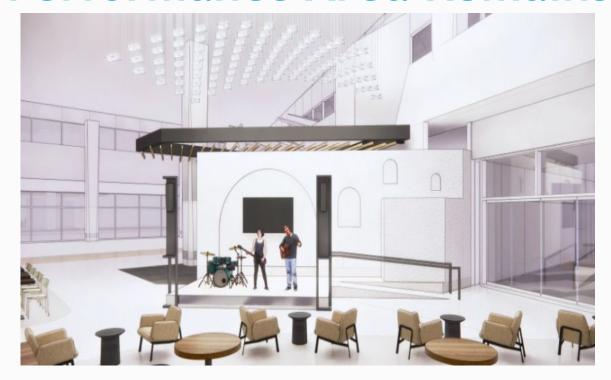


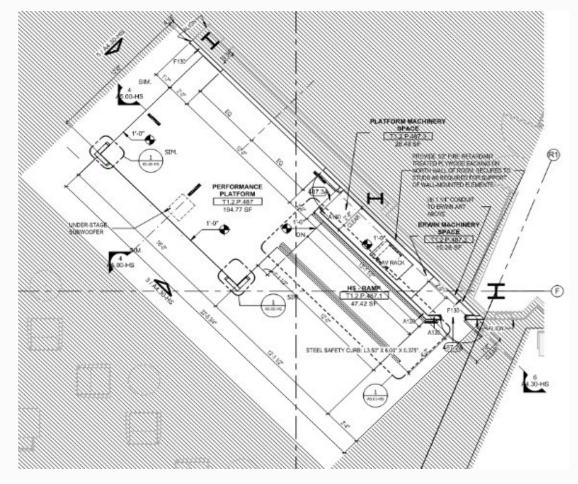
## Children's Play Area—Donald Lipski





## Phase 1A Stage Removed Performance Area Remains



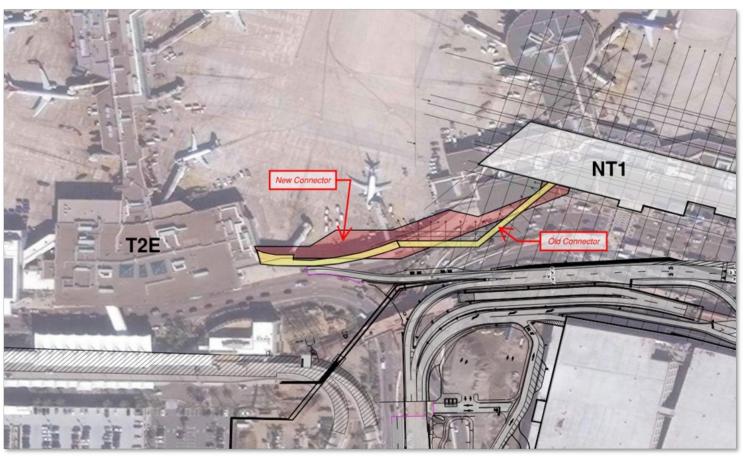


Due to ADA compliance issues—specifically, the stage ramp encroaching on the terrace entry mat—and the overall tight space in the Heritage Dining Hall area, Kim decided to remove the Phase 1A stage entirely.



## **T2E Connector Updates**

- The total Project Art Budget for T2E Connector is \$800k.
- There will be two art opportunities for this project:
  - Art Glass Façade (\$770K)
  - Terrazzo Floor Design (\$30K)
- 3 Phase RFQ to RFP selection process that was voted on in the last AAC meeting remains in place.
- Selection process anticipated to conclude by early December 2025.
- Construction anticipated to begin in 2028

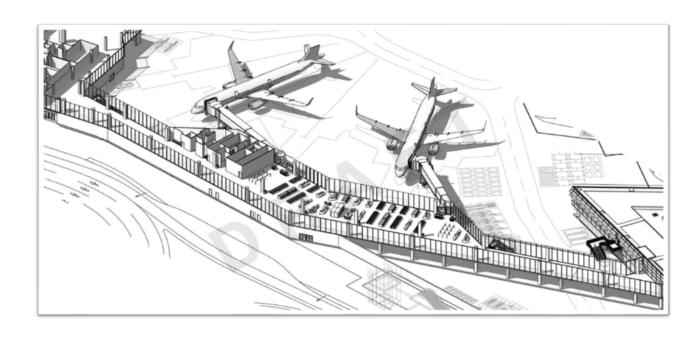


T2E Connector - Old and New Overlay



## Terrazzo Floor Design Opportunity (\$30K)

- The T2E Connector circulation path is approximately 17.5 feet wide and 15,800 sq. ft.
- The Artist's scope is to produce a 2-D design for the Concourse Terrazzo floor, along with consultation during fabrication and installation.
- The design will be implemented by the T2E
   Connector general contractor in Terrazzo material
- The artwork should authentically capture the essence of this region while being visually striking and engaging
- The artwork should complement the integrated glass facade artwork opportunity







## ARTIST WORKSHOP REVIEW

Natalie Gonzalez Mônica Lóss Sophia Allison









### TSIKURI (GOD'S EYES) WITH

### NATALIE GONZALEZ





### UPCYCLED TEXTILE ART WITH

### **MÔNICA LÓSS**





### PAPERMAKING WITH

### Sophia Allison







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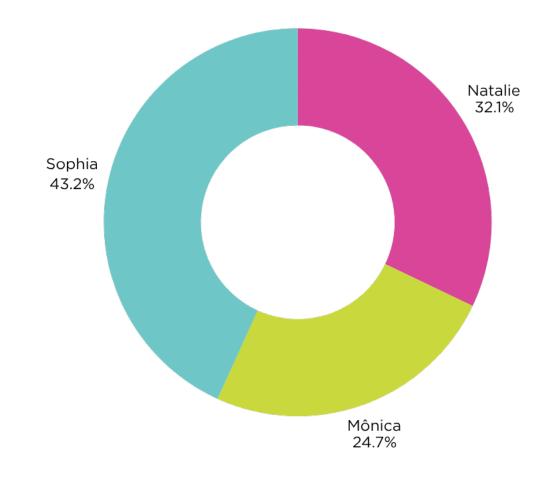
## **Participants**

Natalie Gonzalez: 12 ~ 15

Mônica Lóss: 8 ~ 12

Sophia Allison: 15 ~ 20

TOTAL: 35 ~ 47





## Snapshot San Diego

### Sixteen Exhibitors Selected for Two Exhibitions

- A recommended list of participants was made by selection panel on May 30.
- Overall exhibition design is underway for the first phase.
- Goal: to have "The Studio" overview space ready to go for opening day of the new Terminal 1.
- Individual exhibitions will be rolled out as permitted by display case procurement and operational needs.



### Phase 1 Participants

Comic-Con Museum

Visions Museum of Textile Art

**Escondido History Center** 

John Raymond Mireles

Japanese Friendship Garden

Misti Washington Gourd and Basket Guild

Ilan-Lael Inc.

Coronado Historical Association



## **NEW PAINT Updates**

2026 Terminal 2 Temporary Exhibition

- Open call released June 6—stayed open for eight weeks.
- We received 38 total applications.
- We will review the applications with the panel later this month.
- We hope to have final award notifications by October.





## NT1 "On-Call Musicians"

- New Terminal 1 introduces fresh spaces and interactive art installations that can be activated with live performances to enhance the customer experience.
- As part of the Master Plan's Performing Arts Strategy, we are piloting an "on-call" or "badged musician" program to enable more frequent and cost-effective performances.
  - Performers will be badged and can present setlists using integrated Arts Program equipment.
- This initiative allows SAN to support local artistic talent while providing a consistent source of income for San Diego performing artists.



Jemille Vialet, 2025



## NT1 Built-In Activation Areas/Projections







## "On-Call Musicians"

### Solo vocalists

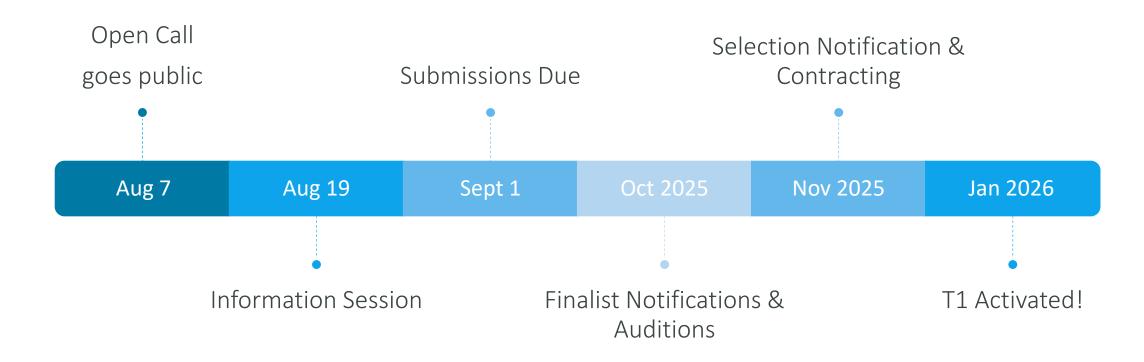
- Self-accompanied
- Singer-Songwriters or similar
- Engaging the audience through expressive singing and storytelling rather than serving as background music.

### Solo instrumentalists

- No vocals
- Pianists, violinists, harpists, or other
- Specialize in creating a calming, ambient musical experience.
- Performers would emphasize instrumental mastery and ambiance.



## **Projected Timeline**





## **Performing Arts Residency**

### Poets Underground Wrap-up

- Poets Underground completed their residency on May 8.
   They had 115+ unique interactions over 16 days at the airport.
- Audiences experienced typewritten poetry, improvised spoken word, collaborative live art, and coloring sheets.
- On March 22, Poets Underground presented their project, process, and some preliminary poems at The Template in Ocean Beach as part of their Community Engagement.
- The residency culminated in a pre-security public performance presenting poems as well as some of the stories that inspired them.





## **Performing Arts Residency**

2025/2026 Residents

An open call took place throughout the spring for the 2025/2026 Performing Arts Residency.
 Two finalists were selected for an award.

Fern Street Circus Fall 2025 A Step Beyond Spring 2026

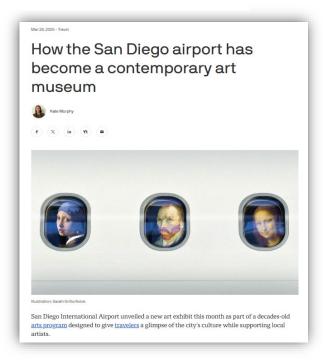




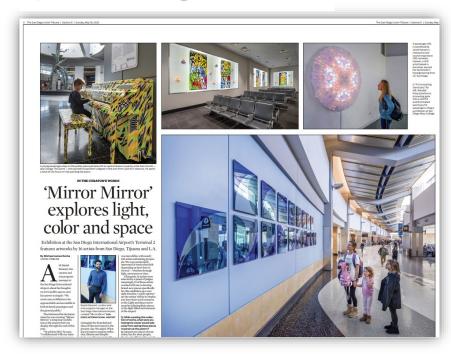


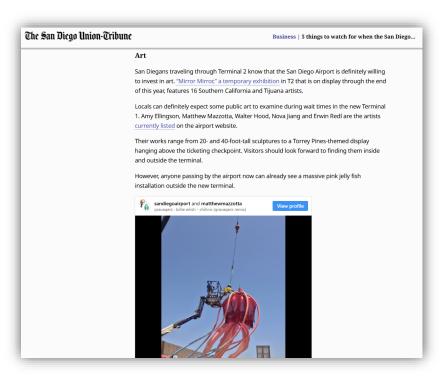
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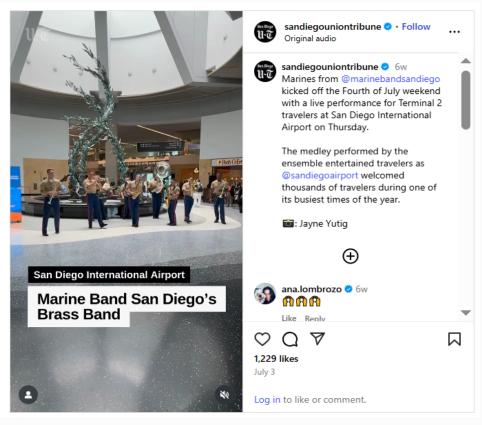
## The San Diego Union-Tribune







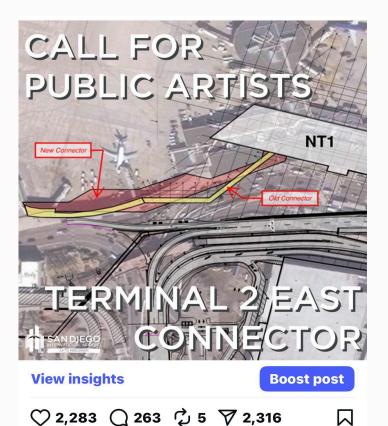
## Social Media Engagement





### San Diego Marine Brass Band performance post

IG: 76,530 views, 2,913 interactions FB: 6,334 views, 469 engagement X: 782 impressions, 28 engagements



### **T2 East Connector Call For Artists**

Liked by scott mitchel becker and

IG: 102,871 views, 5,419 interactions FB: 9,290 views, 504 engagements X: 665 impressions, 36 engagements



