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## San Diego International Airport Unveils Cross-Border Art for World Design Capital San Diego-Tijuana 2024



**SAN DIEGO** – MARCH 5, 2024 – San Diego International Airport (SAN) is proud to present *Espacios & Lines*, a temporary art exhibition that showcases the culture of our shared binational region of 7.1 million people. This exhibition, which explores the border of art and design follows the World Design Organization’s (WDO) joint designation of San Diego and Tijuana as the [World Design Capital 2024 \(WDC\)](#).

[Espacios & Lines](#) features the work of 16 local artists, half of whom work binationally, five who fully reside in Baja California. Examples of some of the artists participating in the exhibit include:

- Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery’s Outwin Boochever Portrait Competition winner Hugo Crosthwaite of Baja California;
- Artist and photographer Carla Sofía Ordonez, co-founder of Yerbabuena Gallery in Tijuana;
- Chicana textile artist Claudia Biezunski-Rodriguez, aka Sew Loka, based in San Diego’s Barrio Logan.

Their work addresses the region’s shared symbolism, unseen vantage points, reimagined lines, design as necessity, design as reconstruction, and more.

“With *Espacios & Lines*, we are thrilled to showcase the diversity and uniqueness of our shared region to visitors from all over the world,” said Kimberly Becker, President, and CEO of the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority.

The artists’ works will be shown in pre- and post-security locations throughout Terminal 2.

The World Design Capital distinction is designated every two years by the World Design Organization and recognizes cities for their use of design to drive economic, social, cultural, and environmental development. As the first binational selection in WDO history, this designation for San Diego and Tijuana is pioneering and brings a global spotlight to our region.

“WDC 2024 was made possible due to our passionate cross-border design community. Throughout the year, we will be supporting and presenting design-driven events that align with our mission to transform and elevate our region,” said Mai Nguyen, Board Chair of WDC 2024 and Director of UC San Diego Design Lab. “We are proud to have *Espacios & Lines* at San Diego International Airport -- a main gateway into the region -- as a designated exhibition for the year under WDC 2024.”

Media tours are available by request.

### **ABOUT SAN DIEGO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (SAN)**

Owned and operated by San Diego County Regional Airport Authority (Airport Authority), San Diego International Airport (SAN) is one of the busiest single-runway commercial service airports in the world and the third-busiest airport in California. SAN contributes nearly \$12 billion in economic activity for the region by connecting the world to San Diego and San Diego to the world. In November 2021, the Airport Authority began construction on the New T1 which includes the replacement of the current Terminal 1, improvements to the airfield, improved transportation connectivity to the airport, and a new administration building. The New T1 program’s total project budget is \$3.4 billion and is estimated to create between 15,000 to 20,000 construction-related jobs. For more information about the New T1 please visit [newt1.com](http://newt1.com). For more information about SAN please visit [san.org](http://san.org).

### **About World Design Capital San Diego Tijuana 2024**

The World Design Capital® (WDC) is designated every two years by the World Design Organization® (WDO) to recognize a city’s innovative and effective use of design to strengthen economic, social, cultural and environmental development. Through a year-long program of design-related events, WDC provides a platform to showcase best practices in design-led policy and innovation, increase civic engagement, and attract business and tourism. The selection of the San Diego Tijuana joint bid makes it the first cross-border World Design Capital in history. While the designation is for both cities as one connected community, San Diego is the first U.S. city ever to receive the designation. Tijuana is the second city in Mexico to hold the title, following Mexico City in 2018. WDC 2024 will host a series of events, exhibitions and summits including six signature events and supporting over 300 public events and initiatives that address the region’s most pressing challenges through design and create a unified force for regional transformation. The region’s winning bid reflects the collective efforts of founding partners [UC San Diego Design Lab](http://ucsd.org), [Design Forward Alliance](http://designforwardalliance.com), [Burnham Center for Community Advancement](http://burnhamcenter.org), City of San Diego and City of Tijuana, and numerous community supporters. More information about World Design Capital San Diego Tijuana 2024 is available at [wdc2024.org](http://wdc2024.org).

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