

# ART MEETS FASHION Contributor Invitation

# Art Meets Fashion Education Program

Rana Sampson, First Lady of San Diego - Art Meets Fashion VIP Honorary Patron

<u>The San Diego Visual Arts Network</u> (SDVAN) and <u>FOCUS</u> (Fashion Opportunities Connect US) would like to invite you to join us in a collaboration to produce Art Meets Fashion, an educational program whose mission is to get local teens involved in the arts.

Contributor donations assure you a space at our VIP fashion show at the SD International Airport on Thurs. April 28 from 7 to 9 pm. Twelve teams of fashion designers, artists, educators and documenters will display their efforts over the last year to encourage and mentor each other and the teens of San Diego. Angela Carone, Producer, Arts and Culture, KPBS will be the MC for the evening.

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Your contribution is tax deductible and a receipt will be issued. (Public Charity 501 (c) 3 EIN #205910283)

Space is limited for the fashion show at the airport, but other opening events will be taking place at a variety of venues.

There are sponsorship opportunities at levels from \$25,000 to \$10,000. Please contact us for details.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



# **Art Meets Fashion** Education Program

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Art Meets Fashion will enliven the San Diego art scene by combining the fashion and art worlds. Twelve teams, each consisting of an artist, a fashion designer, an educator and a documenter, will be assembled to bring a wave of creative energy to the program. Team members will collaborate, mentor, and share their individual talents with each other to gain new skills. Each team will choose a theme of environmental issues, futuristic visions, science, and art connections. The product of these collaborations will be showcased throughout the city in April and May 2011.

Finale events will include a VIP fashion show and a group show at the SD International Airport on April 28, 2011, a public Open Catwalk launch at the NTC on May 6 and a series of independent exhibitions for each of the teams,

An important component of each team is its educator. These educators will create lesson plans for their classrooms and to distribute county-wide. With recent education budget cuts, art programs in our schools have gravely suffered. It is Art Meets Fashion's goal to give back to the schools that have given so much to our community. Team educators work with a variety of programs to reach out to at risk teens for example at ARTS: A Reason to Survive, SD Center for Children, Arts Media Teen Producers, and St. Madeleine Sophie's Center.

Funds raised by the Art Meets Fashion project will help buy supplies and tools for schools in need. Funds will be used to implement the lesson plans and display the resulting works. Lesson plans should combine art and fashion and show both as a career path as well as tool for self expression. Lesson plan will comply with California Content Standards. Please see our <u>Sample lesson plan PDF</u>.

Wherever possible, teens have been chosen to work with the teams under teacher support and guidance. Teens will also be included in the fashion show as much as possible. We will be showcasing the results of their hard work and creativity at the San Diego International Airport during the summer of 2011.

The exhibition will feature the results not only of the cross pollination of the artist and fashion designer, but also the documentation of the educational process. The documenters are all talented videographers, writers and photographers.

Independent teens who wants to work on the theme Art Meets Fashion may enter the free <u>Art Meets Fashion</u> <u>Online Competition</u> until the middle of April, 2011. There is a special category for those from 14 -18. The competition is free of charge and will be juried by Kay Colvin, director of the L Street Gallery.

For more information on how to sponsor this event:

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### 5 Good Reasons to contribute to the Art Meets Fashion education Program

- 1. Educational benefit for at risk teens
- 2. Support of the Arts and Culture community in SD
- 3. Encouragement of art collecting and connoisseurship
- 4. Stimulation of the San Diego economy
- 5. Fantastically fun event!

### **Timeline**

Thursday, April 28, 2011 – VIP fashion show on at the San Diego International Airport
March – June 2011 – Group show, which will present highlights of each team, at Terminal 2, SD International Airport
Friday, May 6, 2011 – Team exhibitions – Galleries and boutiques in downtown SD, Northpark and NTC June to Sept 2011 – Lesson Plan
exhibition for teen products at Terminal 2, SD International Airport
Ongoing – Art Meets Fashion Fringe events



www.SDVisualArts.net

<u>The San Diego Visual Arts Network</u> (non-profit Public Charity 501 (c) 3 EIN #205910283) has a mission to improve the clarity, accuracy and sophistication of disclosure about San Diego's artistic and cultural life. We are dedicated to reinforcing the idea that the visual arts are a necessary and vital part of the health of our city. By providing a website with a directory and events calendar and facilitating numerous collaborations on visual arts projects, we hope to not only build the confidence of those involved in the arts, but disseminate information throughout San Diego thus raising the bar on the writing, production and appreciation of the visual arts in our region. SDVAN list 1600 visual arts resources, has 4,000-5,000 unique visitors to our website per month and get over one million hits a year. We have approx 35,000 on our opt-in mailing list. SDVAN exhibition resume includes: <u>Little & Large</u>, <u>Movers and Shakers</u>, <u>SD Art Prize</u>, <u>New Contemporaries</u>.



<u>FOCUS</u> (Fashion Opportunities Connect US) is a fashion industry networking organization for emerging professionals with goals to:

Connect - create a community for those in fashion related industries to NETWORK, LEARN & GROW

**Promote** - generate exposure opportunities for the emerging fashion market - designers, stylists, manufacturers, e-tailers, boutique owners, fashion students & other entrepreneurs

**Inspire** - expose the San Diego consumer base to the independent fashion scene in San Diego through the Passport to Style, Art Meets Fashion, and other related events

**Educate** - build a platform where experienced professionals can share their knowledge with the next generation **Give back** - build the scholarship program and create means to donate to fashion related charities in San Diego



<u>San Diego International Airport Art Program</u> presents work from individual artists and cultural institutions that promotes cultural tourism and impacts the public through customer service, community outreach, airport operations and facilities enhancements.



Through temporary exhibitions, performing arts and public art, the program contributes to the airport's vision by presenting artwork that promotes regional prosperity and serves not only the traveling public, but also the greater San Diego region.

# Art Meets Fashion From Evolution to Ecology to Ecstasy Information Sheet

Art Meets Fashion is organized by <u>The San Diego Visual Arts Network</u> (SDVAN) and <u>FOCUS</u> (Fashion Opportunities Connect US) to initiate collaborations between established fashion designers and visual artists of excellence to showcase the creativity in San Diego. One of the goals of this project is to encourage local teens to be involved in the Arts by giving them opportunities through lesson plans developed from the exhibition and products created.

<u>SDVAN</u> and <u>FOCUS</u> have embarked on a project to enliven the SD art scene by cross pollinating the fashion and art worlds. By putting together teams consisting of an artist, a fashion designer, a teacher and a documenter, we hope to encourage products with immense creative energy. The teams will collaborate and mentor each other to gain new skills. The collaborations will be showcased April 2011. Finale events will include:

- VIP fashion show on Thursday, April 28 at the San Diego International Airport
- Series of independent exhibitions for each of the teams at 2-3 hubs including the <u>NTC Promenade at Liberty Station</u>, Downtown San Diego and North Park
- One group show, which will present highlights of each team at the San Diego International Airport (Terminal 2, baggage claim )from March June 2011.
- Lesson plans created by the teachers involved in the project will be posted and results featured in a special exhibition at the San Diego International Airport (Terminal 2, baggage claim) from July to September, 2011.
- <u>Art Meets Fashion: The Fringe Events</u> which are cross promotions of other art and fashion themed event will be ongoing until June 2011.
- Art Meets Fashion online competition featured on <a href="mailto:Zhibit.org">Zhibit.org</a> with winner announced Dec 2010

The exhibition will feature the results not only of the collaboration of the artist and fashion designer, but also the documentation of the process by talented videographers, writers and photographers. An exciting component of the team is the educator who will be asked to create lesson plans for their classrooms and general publication. Priority is given to teachers who work with at risk teens. Our goal is to include teens within the teams when supervision by teachers can be provided.

# The Project

Upon approval of initial applications, teams consisting of an artist, a fashion designer, a documenter and an educator will be assigned and collaborative projects will begin. The goal of this collaboration is to create a marketable product (either garment or art work) for display in a fashion show and exhibitions at galleries and boutiques and to create lesson plans to be used in ongoing, youth-focused educational programs. Each team will choose its own theme and will work together to create an exciting, unique body of work.



### **Selection of Collaborative Teams**

A panel of experts from the community, creative industries and academia will review the submissions. Selection criteria will include originality, consistency of theme, creativity, innovation, and the quality of the written and visual submission. The panel will endeavor to put teams together if a team submission was not submitted. Members of the teams will be assigned based on individuals' expertise and overall creative compatibility.

#### Team Criteria

Designers/Artists: Consistency of theme, Wear-ability and marketability of products produced, Creativity – Originality, Innovation uniqueness, Workmanship – use of materials and finishing is very important Documenters: Attention to detail and over-all organization of documentation, Originality and uniqueness of concept for presentation of documentation, Quality of presentation medium and relevance to theme Educators: Lesson plans fit into curriculum of school, Able to implement in school, Reading list, material list and suggested variations are well researched, Lesson plans are complicated enough to be challenging and simple enough to be elegant

The educators are a vital part of this project. It is hoped especially that at risk teens will find inspiration in the fashion and art world for careers in the fashion and art industry. The lesson plans designed by the educators will be taken back to their schools and used in the classroom. An exhibition of the best results of these lesson plans will be featured in a future exhibition sponsored by SDVAN and FOCUS. Educator are encourage to involve volunteer students in the collaborative project as observers or participants.

## **Collaborative Design Project Benefits**

Team members will substantially benefit from this collaboration through:

- Exposure to a broad audience base
- Exhibition/Sales opportunities
- Networking with a wide range of new professional contacts
- Recognition by peers and industry leaders
- Documentation of work including event catalog
- Contribution to art education for the youth of the San Diego region

For more information on Art Meets Fashion: www.artmeetsfashion.org

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