## SYNERGY ARTS FOUNDATION & SAN DIEGO VISUAL ARTS NETWORK TO CELEBRATE THEIR 20<sup>TH</sup>. ANNIVERSARY

When: September 16, 2023 6-10 pm

Where: ICA North, 1550 S. El Camino Real, Encinitas CA 92024

Attire: Creative hats!

In 2003, Synergy Arts Foundation (SAF) and San Diego Visual Arts Network (SDVAN) independently signed up with the same Fiscal Sponsor to kick off their non-profit organizations. SAF was motivated to establish itself after the 2003 firestorms in which a close artist friend bperished and many lost their studios, instruments, homes. SDVAN was established to provide local artists and visual arts institutions a place to promote their talents, exhibitions, opportunities for visual artists and a resource for the public to find a particular genre of art. In 2006, together they combined to create their non-profit called San Diego Synergy Arts Network, each doing business under their individual organizations. These organizations have always worked closely together and will mark their extraordinary sisterly relationship with their 20<sup>th</sup>. Anniversary celebration, entitled Hats On!

Over these two decades, SAF has assisted hundreds of local artists (of all genres) as well as arts organizations. SDVAN has a directory of over 2500 artists and lists on average 50 visual arts events a month.

Their celebration is totally arts oriented, starting with encouraging attendees to design and wear their own creative hats. The event will be brimming with the arts, from inviting folks to participate in creating an artwork, to witnessing contemporary dance by <u>Litvak Dance</u> and the vibrant and playful of performing artists by <u>Entertainment Café</u>. <u>Jefferson Jay</u>, creator, collaborator, promoter & producer of so much music in San Diego will be our Master of Ceremonies. Foodies may choose to watch **Chef Javier Rubio** from <u>San Diego Chefs Foundation</u> prepare paella on-site. <u>Israel Maldonado</u> is our DJ for the first couple of hours followed by and his live band, **Puente**, playing very danceable music.

A memorial art show of the small format artworks of <u>Dan Adams</u>, a good friend and well known local artist, will be for sale. There will be a silent auction of diverse items all related to the arts, from tickets to the symphony to a brand new guitar to original artwork. Attendees arriving without a hat will be escorted to the hat bar to choose one. The celebration will also provide several creative surprises.

Tickets are \$50 / \$60 at the door and include festive foods. Wine and beer are \$7 per glass. To purchase tickets, please go to **TICKETS.** 

**20th Anniversary of Synergy Arts Network Video** 

SAF: 20 Years of Supporting the Arts Video SDVAN: 20 Years of Celebrating the Arts Video