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## **Inaugural Artie Awards to Honor Local Dignitaries and Arts Advocates**

### **Interim Mayor of the City of San Diego Todd Gloria to Join Celebration of San Diego's Arts Community**

**WHAT:**

Mission Federal ArtWalk, the largest fine art festival in Southern California, will commemorate its 30th year with the inaugural Artie Awards, recognizing leading supporters of the local arts community. Interim Mayor of the City of San Diego Todd Gloria will present a proclamation to commemorate Mission Federal Credit Union's long-standing support of the arts. ArtWalk organizers will also unveil the 2014 featured artists at this special event.

Artie Awards will be given to the following influencers:

- Remedios Gomez, the Consul General of Mexico
- Rana Sampson, wife of former San Diego Mayor Jerry Sanders and non-profit leader
- Constance White, Art Program Manager for the San Diego International Airport
- Patricia Frischer, coordinator at the San Diego Visual Arts Network
- Debra Schwartz, CEO and Neville Billimoria, SVP Membership/Marketing and Chief Advocacy Officer of Mission Federal Credit Union

**WHEN:**

Wednesday, January 29  
5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

**WHERE:**

The Westgate Hotel  
Versailles Ballroom  
1055 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue

**INTERVIEWS/  
VISUALS:**

- Interim Mayor Todd Gloria
- Sandi Cottrell, Mission Federal ArtWalk
- Artie Awards Winners
- Displays of Mission Federal ArtWalk's Featured Artists' captivating works of art; live painting demonstrations

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