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2015 ArtWalk Collectors Reception hosted at Ventura City Hall on July 17

Meet other patrons and artists, preview and reserve art and Bowl Hop creations, welcome visiting Cuban artists, honor "Artist of Distinction" Michele Chapin and enjoy a premiere performance by ALOFT Dance Theatre, no-host bar and hors d'oeuvres at the ArtWalk Collectors Reception on Friday, July 17, hosted by the City of Ventura at City Hall, 501 Poli Street, 6:30-9 pm. Tickets are \$20 online at www.artwalkventura.org or \$25 at door.

This ticketed special preview event will provide art patrons and artists an opportunity to reserve juried works by 2015 ArtWalk featured artists for purchase in advance of the two-day ArtWalk on July 18 & 19. Hosted in the beautiful and historic City Hall, located at 501 Poli Street, 30 selected works will be displayed in addition to over 90 works from the permanent Municipal Art Collection.

Mayor Cheryl Heitmann will present the award for the "2015 ArtWalk Ventura Artist of Distinction" to renowned local sculptor and founder of Stoneworks Studios Michele Chapin; and recognize visiting 2015 Global Artists from Cuba – sculptor Pedro Miguel González Pulido and historian and Hemingway scholar Victor Piña Tabio.

Attendees will be able to purchase hand-crafted bowls from the popular Bowl Hop benefiting ArtWalk and Project Understanding. The purchase will include a passport to sample cuisines at participating restaurants.

Musical entertainment will be provided by the Jill Martini Soiree and a special premiere performance will be presented by ALOFT Dancetheatre.

Tickets are \$20 in advance at www.artwalkventura.org and \$25 at the door. Hors d' oeuvres will be provided by Seasons Catering and a no-host cocktail bar by Beverlee's Bartending. All proceeds benefit the ArtWalk through fiscal sponsorship provided by nonprofit organization Bell Arts Factory.

For more information contactCommunity Partnerships Manager Denise Sindelar at 805-658-4793 or dsindelar@cityofventura.net.

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