

Sit Down and Play, Piano – a temporary public art installation at California & E. Santa Clara Streets

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City of Ventura's Public Art Program announces *Sit Down and Play*, Piano – a temporary public art installation at California & E. Santa Clara Streets

Community members and visitors are invited to *Sit Down and Play* the piano -- an exciting new temporary public art project in downtown Ventura at the corners of E. Santa Clara and California Streets. The City of Ventura's Public Art Program, in partnership with the Downtown Ventura Organization, coordinated the project. The artwork, *Sit Down and Play*, was created through a collaboration of the Ventura County Arts Council (VCAC), artist MB Hanrahan and teen art students from the Vita Art Center. The piano was donated to the VCAC in 2014 and then gifted to the artist to create the interactive artwork.

Similar projects have occurred throughout the country and the VCAC hopes to find additional artists and communities to place these inspired instruments.

The *Sit Down and Play* piano will be on display April 29 – December and the public is invited to a free concert Friday May 1st at 6pm, performed by the 2015 Ventura Music Festival Brass Quintet. For Ventura Music Festival lineup visit www.venturamusicfestival.org.

Ventura's Public Art Program offers a unique opportunity for local, regional and national artists to temporarily install their works in public spaces throughout the City. Temporary installations may be created with unusual media or installed in unexpected places. They may pique public awareness of an important or timely issue, or simply add momentary beauty to a site. Visit www.cityofventura.net/artops for more information and artist application.

For more information about the City of Ventura's Public Art Program, visit www.cityofventura.net/publicart.

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