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2016 ArtWalk Collectors Reception hosted at Ventura City Hall on Sept. 29

The public is invited to the “ArtWalk Ventura Collectors Reception,” a special benefit celebration of art, poetry, music and food on Thursday, September 29, 6:30-9:30 pm, at Ventura City Hall, 501 Poli Street. Purchase tickets for \$20 at www.artwalkventura.org or for \$25 at the door.

Meet other patrons and artists, preview and reserve a curated selection of works by featured ArtWalk artists on display.

Ventura Mayor Erik Nasarenko will welcome this year’s visiting “2016 Global Artist of Distinction,” painter Rolando Sigüenza, from Oaxaca, Mexico. The mayor will also honor MB Hanrahan as the 2016 ArtWalk Artist of Distinction and introduce Phil Taggart, Ventura County Poet Laureate, who will read his poem “Ventura.” Enjoy music performed by a quartet from the Channel Islands Chamber Orchestra, a no-host cocktail bar by Beverlee’s Bartending and hors d’oeuvres by Seasons Catering.

Tour the city’s nationally renowned Municipal Art Collection of almost 100 works by 73 of Ventura County’s best contemporary artists.

Preselect your favorite “Bowl Hop” creations – beautiful, hand-crafted bowls to benefit Project Understanding. Bowl purchasers receive a “passport” to sample cuisines at participating Ventura restaurants during ArtWalk weekend.

All reception proceeds benefit the ArtWalk through fiscal sponsorship provided by non-profit organization Bell Arts Factory.

Entering its 24th year on October 1 and 2, ArtWalk Ventura is a totally-fun, virtually-free, self-guided tour of dozens of galleries, studios, pop-up venues and transformed PODS containers in Ventura's Westside Cultural District and historic Downtown. Open on Saturday from 11 am to 7 pm and on Sunday from 12 to 5 pm, ArtWalk is one of Ventura's signature events drawing thousands of people every year. The event is now being run by an all-volunteer group determined to keep it fresh and festive. The public is invited to join in and celebrate Ventura's thriving arts community! For artists, locations and other details visit www.artwalkventura.org.

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