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**2018 Mayor's Arts Awards Recipients Announced,
Public Invited to Reception November 8**

Ventura Mayor Neal Andrews is proud to announce the winners of the 14th annual Mayor's Arts Awards and invites the public to attend its reception on Thursday, November 8, 2018, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., at the Museum of Ventura County, 100 East Main Street, Ventura. The reception honors the achievements and contributions of seven local residents dedicated to the arts community in Ventura:

Arts Patron - Patti Channer
Artist in the Community - John White
Creative Entrepreneur - Kelly Stevens
Arts Leader - Elena Brokaw
Arts Educator - Stefoni Rossiter
Emerging Artist - Broc Ellinger
Student Artist - Jasmine Duncan

"Ventura takes great pride in supporting our local arts community," said Mayor Neal Andrews. "Arts and culture help to promote the unique identity of our city."

An Awards Selection Committee convened in September to review nominations made by the public and to make recommendations that were forwarded to the Mayor and the City's Cultural Affairs Commission for their approval. The City would like to thank those who nominated individuals for these awards.

The City of Ventura Mayor's Arts Awards was established in 2005 and recognizes the contributions to the cultural community by city residents, artists, educators, organizations and business leaders. The special acknowledgement and celebration help cultivate greater visibility and understanding of the value of the arts, as well as grow new leadership and new patrons of the arts. For more information on the 2018 Mayor's Arts Awards, please visit www.cityofventura.ca.gov/maa.

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