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***Countdown to San Diego's Favorite Fine Art Festival,
ArtWalk on the Bay***

***Caliber of International Artists; Cruises across the Bay; Family Friendly Activities; Bay front Location;
make an Extraordinary ArtWalk Weekend!***

San Diego, CA – Art lovers are counting down the days until the **free** fine art festival, ***ArtWalk on the Bay***, returns to scenic San Diego. Sponsored by the Port of San Diego, and held on the weekend of September 18 and 19, the Waterfront Park at the Hilton San Diego Bayfront Hotel will be overtaken by creative affairs, original masterpieces, live entertainment and more. As the fall counterpart of the beloved ***Mission Federal ArtWalk*** that draws more than 120,000 attendees to Little Italy in April, ***ArtWalk on the Bay*** shares the beauty and diversity of fine art with visitors and locals alike.

Perks of ArtWalk on the Bay:

- ***ArtWalk on the Bay*** unites artists from **all over the country and Mexico** to display their artwork. In an intimate waterfront setting, guests will engage with artists to discover the passion behind the pieces they'll fall in love with. From sculpture to oil paintings, to fine jewelry and art glass, ***ArtWalk on the Bay*** presents a diverse array of art suitable for every budget.
- Named ***ArtWalk on the Bay*** for a reason, guests can enjoy **cruises across the bay** to experience a separate event, "Coronado Art Walk." Boats will be lined up at the Harbor Excursion dock next to ***ArtWalk on the Bay*** to accommodate both events throughout the weekend.
- **Parking frustrations are eased** with a wide array of easy and reasonably priced options. The new user-friendly venue provides thousands of parking spaces at the Hilton San Diego Bayfront Garage for \$10 per car. Guests can also park at ACE Lot, at the corner of Park and Imperial, for \$2 per car then take on a free shuttle ride straight to ArtWalk on the Bay.
- In support of [ArtReach](#) and its mission to bring art programs back into local schools, ***KidsWalk*** offers **free art activities** for youngsters and kids at heart. A few projects include: painting shoes and murals for those in need in Haiti, RhythmWorx music making, cultural art and more.
- **For foodies, the "ArtWalk on the Bay Night & Day Café"** provides economical gourmet choices to appease any appetite such as: Hunter Steakhouse sandwiches, Tarantino sausages, Hawaiian-inspired dishes, desserts and more.



- As a test of participating artists' creative imagination, **SDG&E** provided old electric meters for artists to turn into masterpieces. More than 15 artists will display their creativity using recycled meters as their medium, with the hope of winning the grand prize!
- **Stay for the Game.** On Sunday football fans can enjoy ArtWalk on the Bay in the morning and then walk a few steps to Fox Sports Grill (on-site at the Hilton San Diego Bayfront) to watch the game in the afternoon.

About ArtWalk on the Bay sponsored by Port of San Diego and The Big Bay

Extraordinary Art. Extraordinary Setting. Mission Federal ArtWalk is San Diego's largest and best-known art festival featuring some of the finest painting, sculpture, glasswork, photography, music and entertainment from local and internationally-based artists. The event was founded nearly 30 years ago by a group of artists and art lovers to bring together all facets of the arts in San Diego and to give individuals the opportunity to own original pieces of art.

In 2006, the same team that produces Mission Federal ArtWalk in Little Italy introduced a fall event, **ArtWalk on the Bay**, at the request of both artists and art lovers. Held adjacent to the waterfront at the Park at the Hilton San Diego Bayfront (1 Park Boulevard, San Diego, Calif. 92101), this open-air fine art festival offers an intimate experience for attendees with breathtaking views of the downtown landscape. Showcasing the best of local and international original works of art for exhibition and sale, **ArtWalk on the Bay** gathers fine artists, performers and entertainers to create an event treasured by visitors and locals alike.

Event hours are 10:00AM to 5:00PM Saturday and Sunday, September 18 & 19. For more information, please visit www.artwalkonthebay.org or call 619-615-1090.

ArtWalk on the Bay is a proud partner of [Arts Month San Diego](#), which unites a broad array of the City's arts and performance entities taking place in the region during September 2010. Arts Month San Diego highlights a diverse cross-section of arts and culture programs showcased throughout the month with participating galleries, artist-run initiatives, public art museums, performing arts events, and festivals. Details on participating artists for all of the events can be found online by visiting www.artsmonthsd.com.

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