Arts and Community Engagement
EXPERIENCING ART FOR THE COMMON GOOD
The Arts and Community Engagement Initiative of the UC San Diego Division of Arts and Humanities activates the many opportunities for connection within our thriving community of campus creators. When art makes connections between audiences and creators, it does much more than change the individuals who experience it. It draws people together to reflect, discuss and develop new ideas based on shared understanding. Experiencing art can change the world.

At all levels, students of the arts and faculty practitioners at UC San Diego are alert to the audience’s role in actualizing art’s relevance. With strategic planning around accessing and integrating the arts in campus life, we can enlarge UC San Diego’s impact on members of our campus community. We also draw in the many others we share our community life with online and in different contexts across San Diego. We welcome visitors to appreciate and experience the art integral to our culture. Central to our vision is embracing the profound effect participating in art has on our students — those who are creators and those who respond to art as viewers, readers or as members of an audience. Involving students in the design of different artistic experiences catalyzes their evolution from students of the arts into arts leaders. Join us in showcasing our campus and its vibrant programs as a living museum — a destination for the diverse audiences of our binational region and the world.

Cover: A working rehearsal of The Central Park Five

Left: Members of our community connect at "The Future of the University Art Gallery," an Arts and Community Engagement event held in November 2019.
EXPERIENCING ART CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

UC San Diego is home to arts departments of rare distinction. Each year, they produce hundreds of performances, shows and activities for and by undergraduates, graduate students and faculty. Practitioners and scholars have received prestigious awards such as the Pulitzer Prize, Grammy Award and Grawemeyer Award, and support from renowned institutions such as the National Endowment for the Arts, Guggenheim Foundation and James L. Knight Foundation. The campus is also home to the Stuart Collection, a superlative collection of art in public landscapes by some of the world’s most recognized artists.

The following represent a few of Arts and Community Engagement’s experience-focused, learning-driven programs:

**FUTUREARTS Events**
Interactive workshops and conversations, FUTUREARTS Events feature musicians, visual and performing artists, and creators and curators who reenvision the future of the arts and the relationship between artists and society. Events focus on issues that are particularly critical to our campus, with student-centered activities at their core.

In collaboration with American Lyric Theater (NYC), FUTUREARTS offers a weeklong opera mentoring program for young composers and librettists from underrepresented populations to be delivered virtually or in person at UC San Diego in early 2021. Workshop participants will develop insights into the process of creating new operas, in a range of topics from writing for the voice, constructing an effective libretto, to learning about the elements of production. As part of the program, prominent creators and performing artists — who are driving innovation and transformation in opera by telling socially relevant stories — will offer lectures and masterclasses.

**Community Connections Fellows**
In the 21st century, workers in all sectors develop a portfolio of skills to qualify for new projects and opportunities. The initiative gives several students each year a head start in this important developmental process, offering the chance to propose and implement projects on our campus under the initiative’s broad mandate of engagement and connection.

Recent projects include planning for a new music festival in Ensenada, Mexico; a radio series focused on diverse youth-led movements in San Diego; and an online literary journal gathering the written and visual art of women, queer, trans and BIPOC folks across Arts and Humanities disciplines, and across the boundaries of social distancing.
PHILANTHROPIC OPPORTUNITIES

Faculty Excellence
Endowed chairs and endowed faculty fellowships strengthen leadership of this far-reaching initiative and encourage exploration in community connection and the development of well-rounded artists.

Student Support and Experience
Scholarships, internships and graduate fellowships provide arts scholars at all levels of experience the resources needed to dive deep into experimentation, mentorship and connection with the community.

Research
Grants and fellowships support innovative research and experimental projects, especially important for scholars exploring novel topics unfamiliar to traditional agencies and funders.

Artist Residencies
Visiting resident artists connect artistic scholarship at UC San Diego to our campus and regional communities through groundbreaking experiences such as workshops by the performing arts group UN-Label and the unique “working rehearsal” of The Central Park Five opera.

Innovative Instruction
Support for the design of fresh educational experiences such as ARTWALK response curation and Intergenerational Mentoring expands our instructional palette, encouraging inventive combinations in genre, field of study, and context.

Help us continue the nontradition.

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