



# Commission for Arts and Culture

## **A message from the Commission for Arts & Culture:**

These are extraordinary times for all of us.

During the past week, the City of San Diego has shifted quickly to respond and will continue to do so in the coming days. Safety, of course, is our top priority. As with most of the community, our office-based teams are now working remotely.

To our friends and colleagues in the arts, culture, and creative sectors, we know the decisions you have made in the past week were unimaginable the week prior. Thank you for your leadership and commitment to the health and well being of our city. We at the Commission continue to work hard on your behalf.

It is particularly timely that we've launched our first Arts and Culture Citywide Impact Map. Through the Commission for Arts & Culture, this year the City has funded more than 150 organizations to provide art and culture experiences throughout the entire city. For the map, we tracked data from 2019 showing that there were 959 locations of activity leading to 1611 points of connection citywide!

This map shows the tremendous reach of arts and culture organizations in San Diego. During this difficult time, it's heartening to see organizations of all sizes staying connected and engaging audiences in innovative ways. Their effort and dedication are very much appreciated.

We also look forward to soon announcing the findings of the recently completed Economic Impact of the Creative Industries Report along with the Economic Development Department and the San Diego Economic Development Corporation (EDC).

As always, the power of arts and culture is profound. The move to a media-based presence by so many of our arts and culture organizations is incredible. We look forward this week to seeing so much [virtual programming](#) on our laptops and cell phones.