

**City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture
FY2006 Neighborhood Arts Program**

Black Storytellers of San Diego

Annual Storytellers Festival

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Black Storytellers of San Diego will co-sponsor the 24th National Association of Black Storytellers Festival/Conference in November 2005. Funding will help present eight pre-conference storytelling performances and workshops for the community focusing on storytelling from the African diaspora.

Cambodian Dancers of San Diego

Access to Ethnic Arts

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Cambodian Dancers of San Diego will offer weekend dance classes to youth, particularly in the mid-city area. The program intends to broaden the participation and deepen the understanding of a Cambodian arts and culture among mid-city residents. Public dance performances will also be held.

Los Bilingual Writers

Bilingual Literary Project

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Los Bilingual Writers will foster a literary bilingual community in San Diego by teaching, supporting and promoting English/Spanish literary writing to fifty inter-generational, bilingual and bicultural persons in two age groups – 12-18 and senior citizens.

Mo'olelo Performing Arts*A Piece of My Heart*

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Mo'olelo Performing Arts will create and present *A Piece of My Heart*, a theatre partnership with The Veterans Museum and Memorial Center, centered around Shirley Lauro's play by the same name about the women who served in the Vietnam War. The project includes collaboration and participation with the San Diego veterans community to create, design and develop the production of the play and eight public performances, followed by post-show dialogue.

PicArt*Community Snapshot/Community Portrait*

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PicArt will implement Community Snapshot, a project in which youth at the Linda Vista Boys & Girls Club will work with local senior homes to take photographs and collect stories from elders which will be compiled into a book and collaged for a canvas mural. Students will also take portraits of their own lives and families during the project.

San Diego Afterschool Strings Program*After School Strings Program*

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The San Diego After School Strings Program will offer violin classes twice weekly, free of charge, to students in Sherman Heights, Logan Heights and Barrio Logan. Students will learn how to read music and will perform for a community audience.

San Diego Youth and Community Services

ELEVATE Dance Troupe

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SDYCS will offer the ELEVATE Dance program. ELEVATE synthesizes formal training in dance and choreography, peer education, community leadership and performance. Youth create original dances based on their personal experiences and formal instruction about issues facing young people and perform for the community. The program is focused on students between the ages of 12 and 24 who are homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless.
