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CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT ON DISABILITY

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The City of Los Angeles Department on Disability, in collaboration with Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez and the Department of Cultural Affairs, proudly presents the Sixteenth Annual Disability Art Exhibition, commemorating October's National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM).

This year's NDEAM theme, "Advancing Access and Equity," recognizes the importance of ensuring all people have equal opportunities to contribute their unique skills and talents. Despite significant job gains over the past two years, many workers are facing higher levels of unemployment. Last year, the unemployment rate for persons with a disability was about twice as high as the rate for persons without a disability. Many Angelenos live a disabled reality, about 20 percent or more of the adult population and 15 percent of students live with one or multiple disabilities.

People with disabilities are a diverse group, some born with a disability and others acquiring a disability later in life due to an injury or illness. Disabilities include a wide range of visible and invisible health and functional limitations that can present significant challenges to daily life activities. Art's creative process is limitless and allows everyone the opportunity for self-expression and self-employment.

The Department on Disability is privileged to showcase disabled artists and the organizations that support the artistic talent and abilities of children and adults with disabilities. By exhibiting these works we promote disabled artists' access to artistic expression and a means to achieve financial empowerment.

This exhibition was made possible through partnerships with the Academy of Special Dreams, Braille Institute of America, Exceptional Children's Foundation, L.A. GOAL, and Tierra del Sol Foundation. Their work advances access and equity to people with disabilities to achieve their potential as productive and valued Angelenos.

To experience the digitally accessible virtual exhibition visit: bit.ly/46sO3Zq



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ACADEMY of
SPECIAL
DREAMS

Believes that all persons, regardless of their disabilities, should have equal opportunities to express their talents and to be successful in the Arts.

The Special Academy's mission is to increase public awareness, recognition and appreciation of the creative talents of people with disabilities by providing opportunities that encourage, promote and showcase their artistic expressions.

Academy of Special Dreams Artist_ 2023

Maru Huerta

Raíces Culturales (Cultural Roots), 2022
Oils on canvas
16" x 20"



Academy of Special Dreams Artist_ 2023



Cara Mark

Roses, 2023
Photography print on canvas
20"x30"



Lift , Ms. Nuñez's Class

Monarcas (Monarchs), 2023
Acrylics on canvas
16" x 20"

Academy of Special Dreams Artist_ 2023

Christian Tresieras

My Whale, 2023
Pointillism art and textures on canvas
15"x20"



Federico Tresieras

The Light Houses, 2023
Pointillism art and textures on canvas
15"x20"



Academy of Special Dreams Artist_ 2023



James Takar

Blue Forest, 2023
Acrylics on canvas and textures
20"x30"



William Lee

By the Window, 2023
Acrylics on canvas
20"x30"

Academy of Special Dreams Artist_ 2023

Baupres Dream Academy

Birds of Inclusion, 2023
Acrylics on canvas
14"x10"



Gabriel Miranda

Las Guacamayas, 2022
Acrylic print
16" x 20"



Academy of Special Dreams Artist_ 2023



Basilio Alonzo

Sleeping Angels, 2023
Photography on canvas
16"x16"



Braille Institute is a community of individuals who are sighted, blind or have low vision. Every day throughout the country, we work together to empower people who live with vision loss.

Braille Institute is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to positively transform the lives of those with vision loss. Braille Institute serves more than 37,000 people through a variety of free programs, classes and services at centers and community outreach locations throughout Southern California – from Santa Barbara to San Diego counties.

William Andrus

Captain America, 2019
Ceramic/Mosaic
12 ¼ " x 18 ¼ "



Barbara Ford

Lazy Dog, 2019
Mixed media on paper
14 ½" x 17 ½"



Braille Institute_ 2023

Wendy Ortega

Fabulous Carrots & A flower, 2023
Sequins on fabric/burlap
11 6/16" x 18 1/4"



Roberta Smith

Josephine Baker, 2019
Print on rag paper
16 3/16" x 20 3/16"

Karry Carpenter

Untitled, 2019
Print on rag paper
24.5" x 29.5"



Frank Burns

Ghost Cat, 2022
Print on rag paper
20" x 23"



Braille Institute_ 2023

Savannah Gayle

Boutique
Mixed media on cardboard
13" x 19"



ECF Art Centers partner with established local and national galleries, museums and other community organizations to connect artists to the greater art community.

Since 1968, the ECF Art Centers have provided adults with developmental disabilities a place to explore their creativity and freedom of expression. At ECF's five art studios located across Los Angeles County, artists with developmental disabilities are encouraged to communicate their personal and creative vision. Talented instructors provide artists with guidance and individualized support in a variety of media. ECF's approach to mentorship and professional development in the arts has been the catalyst for hundreds of artists to achieve their personal and professional goals.

ECF Art Centers_ 2023

Juan Romo

Nature, 2023
Gouache and Acrylic paint
18" x 24"



James Young

Fruits and Vegetables, 2022
Colored Pencils
14" x 22"



ECF Art Centers_ 2023



Rachael Curry

Super Rachael Saves the World, 2023
Magazine prints, paper, and markers
23" x 35"



*George Anthony
Brown*

Bug Art See, 2023
Watercolor
13" x 14"

ECF Art Centers_ 2023



Shaunna McCray

Lion Bat, 2023
Digital
10 ½" x 15 ½"

Juan Pierri

Untitled, 2023
Mixed media on canvas
40" x 36"



ECF Art Centers_ 2023

Heidi Dong

Untitled, 2023
Acrylic on canvas
32" x 40"



**L.A.
GOAL**

Our goal is to create more opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities to thrive across all aspects of life, have meaningful relationships, and feel a sense of belonging within society.

L.A. GOAL provides opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities to increase their independence and employability through educational, vocational and recreational programs. L.A. GOAL's art and outreach activities educate the community about the abilities of people with disabilities.

Our vision is to create a more open society where people with developmental disabilities can enjoy full inclusion in their communities. To accomplish this, L.A. GOAL teaches the world about how people with developmental disabilities can better our lives. It is a magical reciprocity that we believe has long been overlooked.

Andy Choueke

The National Forest in the Amazon
Mixed media on canvas



D'Marcus Baptist

Era Flow
Acrylic on canvas



L.A. GOAL_ 2023



Joe Rosenberg

Flowers and Candles
Mixed media on canvas



David Hawkins

O'Malley
Acrylic on canvas

Douglas Hedenberg

Hawaiian Fruit Paradise
Acrylic on canvas



Elisa Jerugim

Flower Garden
Acrylic on wood palette



L.A. GOAL_ 2023



Gillian Gerson

Discovery Island
Acrylic on canvas



Matthew Seldon Chillfully Relaxing in Antarctica
Mixed media on canvas

Matthew Seldon

Parakeet on a Branch
Acrylic on canvas



We champion inclusion and value for all people with disabilities through creative pathways to employment, education, and the arts.

The Tierra del Sol Foundation was founded in Sunland, CA, in 1971. Originally conceived by parents as an alternative to institutional care, Tierra began as an early demonstration of self-advocacy. The founding parents were determined to raise their sons and daughters as permanent members of their families, rather than abandon them to the State. The notion was simple; all people have gifts, and our community is richer when all our citizens are valued for their contributions. We have never lost these important principles.

Tierra del Sol_ 2023



Chloe Simunovic Fairy Butterfly, 2023
Paint marker and acrylic on paper
12" x 18"



Jason Karelis

The Knight Comes To Rescue, 2023
Color pencil on paper
30" x 24"

Tierra del Sol_ 2023



Althea Mariano

Getty Villa Inner Peristyle, 2023
Color pencil and marker on paper
24" x 30"



Alondra Lozano

Flowers, 2023
Watercolor and pen on paper
24" x 30"

Tierra del Sol_ 2023



Chris Serino

Captain Hook's Sailing Ship Columbia, 2023
Acrylic on paper
18" x 24"



Chelsea Lenninger

Horror Scary, 2019
Colored pencil on paper
24" x 18"

Tierra del Sol_ 2023

Ivan Saucedo

Untitled (Red Black Shapes), 2022
Acrylic on paper
24" x 18"



Tony Barnes

Dog, 2021
Acrylic and paint marker on paper
24" x 30"



Tierra del Sol_ 2023



Vicente Hernandez Siso Near The River, 2022
Acrylic on paper
24" x 30"



Zack Stewart Untitled, 2019
Marker and pastel and colored pencil on paper
24" x 30"

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