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## City of San Diego Showcases Local Artists at New San Diego Public Library Exhibit

25th ANNIVERSARY OF "THE DRAWING SHOW" FEATURES THE WORKS OF TEN SAN DIEGANS

SAN DIEGO – A new exhibit at the San Diego Public Library (SDPL) celebrates the art and expression of drawing. "The Drawing Show" is on display from Feb. 22 - May 4, 2025 and showcases the skills of San Diego artists.

Started in 2000 at the Pacific Beach/Earl & Birdie Taylor Library, this year marks the 25th anniversary of "The Drawing Show" exhibition at SDPL. The Visual Arts program founder, Mark Elliot Lugo, curated the first show to raise awareness and foster appreciation for drawing and highlight the versatility of drawing techniques. Nearly 100 artists have been featured in exhibitions over the last 25 years.

This year's show features the work of local artists Celeste Byers, Hugo Crosthwaite, Steve Gibson, Amanda Kazemi, Neil Kendricks, Joshua Moreno, Annalise Neil, David Peña, Melanie Taylor and Eden de la Vara. The works include traditional figure drawings, landscapes and abstract pieces.

The exhibit kicks off with an opening reception from 4 – 6 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 22, at the Judith Harris Art Gallery at the Downtown Central Library. The reception is open to the public and will feature food and live music.

For gallery hours and more information, visit the SDPL's visual arts webpage.

San Diego Public Library's Visual Arts program is dedicated to providing access and connection to the arts and culture landscape in San Diego while providing visible opportunities to local and regional artists.

## About the San Diego Public Library

With a vision of being the place for opportunity, discovery and inspiration, the San Diego Public Library is a hub for knowledge and lifelong learning. As the largest library system in the region, it serves a population of more than 1.4 million people. Learn about events at the San Diego Central Library @ Joan A Irwin Jacobs Common and 35 community branch libraries, find links to programs and resources or search for materials in the online catalog at <u>www.sandiegolibrary.org</u>.



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