

music programs in North San Diego County schools. Each year, 35,000 people attend ArtSplash, from throughout the county and around Southern California.

It's no wonder that ArtSplash has become the destination event everyone's chalking about, says co-founder and chairperson Joni Miringoff. "In contrast to ordinary arts festivals, in which event-goers *view* art, ArtSplash invites people to *create* artworks of all kinds. The multifaceted event highlights gallery-quality professional art while celebrating the creativity inherent in all of us," she notes.

Art from diverse genres will come to life during the two-day festival. First and foremost are the chalk art replicas of famous museum pieces, created by professional and amateur artists right on the street. Renowned international sand sculptor, Gerry Kirk, will return to create one of his signature pieces. In addition, many new features will engage the attention of ArtSplash visitors.

Master glassblower and sculptural artist, James Stone, whose works are featured in museums and private collections around the country, will demonstrate the art of glass-blowing from a portable studio on the street. "I will show event-goers how to make glass fish and how to work with hot glass," he promises. Stone's fish, bowls and furniture will be on display and for sale throughout the event.

Also during the event, Ron Juncal, Phyllis Swanson and their Studio 2 crew will recreate Maxfield Parrish's "Ecstasy" painting on a three-panel mural. Juncal explains, "While visitors watch, we will work from behind on clear acrylic panels, painting what would have been the last strokes first and the first strokes last. We will paint ourselves out of the picture before your very eyes!"

Sarah Nep, one of a handful of cheese sculptors in the U.S., will fashion a bust of Carlsbad Mayor, Claude A. "Bud" Lewis, out of milk cheddar. Mayor Lewis will join an elite list of other "big cheeses" sculpted by Nep, including former President Bill Clinton and Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. Working from photos and sketches, as well as a personal appearance by the Mayor on-site Saturday morning, Nep will

carve while visitors watch. Nep likens her art to ice sculpture, noting one advantage: “There’s no puddle at the end.”

Featured artist Paula Yates will use a skimboard as a “canvas” to create a unique work. Her skimboard and several others by well-known artists – including famed local surf artist, Wade Koniakowsky – will be on display and available for purchase via a silent auction at the event. Also for sale will be a variety of juried fine art and original designs; from jewelry and pottery to hand-crafted adirondack chairs.

An entire area will be devoted to a Family Art Carnival throughout the weekend. The Carnival features a dizzying carousel of nonstop creativity at which children and parents can enjoy free demonstrations of origami and other arts and can purchase reasonably priced tickets for an array of activities, including 2’X2’ chalk art squares for just \$5.

Adding to the draw of arts activities is a wealth of free entertainment, including the Vista Buddhist Temple drum team on Saturday, Fern Street Circus on Sunday, a 17-foot-tall, light-flashing, music-playing giraffe and Balloon Man Skip Banks. Food will be as prevalent as fun, with Taste at ArtSplash™ on Saturday, Karl Strauss Beer Garden and Bellefleur Wine Garden open both days and other refreshments available on-site.

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