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UCSD Arts in Action Festival, *Real Art for Real Change* May 7, 2010 10am-10pm

Schedule:

- 10am – 2 pm: Arts in Action Across UCSD
- 2 – 3:00 pm: Project Protest: Performance Marches
- 4 – 5:30 pm: Arts in Action Key Note Forum Discussion
- 5:30 – 6:30 pm: Arts in Action Interactions
- 6:30 – 8 pm: Arts in Action Performances
- 8 – 10 pm: Arts in Action After Dance Party

Where:

Mandell Weiss Theatre, UC San Diego Theatre District and multiple campus locations.

Website for Full Schedule of Events: www.artsinaction.us

Admission: Free

La Jolla, CA: The Department of Theatre and Dance at **UC San Diego** is proud to present the “**UCSD Arts in Action Festival**,” on **Friday, May 7, 2010**. In response to the recent racial incidents and protests on the UCSD campus, this festival provides a forum for artistic responses featuring student and faculty work created especially for this event. In the long-standing tradition of arts activism, the “art actions” include short one act plays, music compositions, dance performances, visual art displays, lectures, digitally interactive performance pieces, spoken word performances, and staged historical protest performance marches. There will be a forum for critical discussion featuring members of both the university as well as artists from the San Diego community. Undergraduate and graduate students from across the campus as well as UCSD faculty and alumni are participating in this one-day only arts and performance event.

Surprise performance works and arts in action dance flash mobs will take place through out the week of May 3-May 7 leading up to the main event. Community art murals will be also by created by students at each college that week. They will be collaged together on May 7, with a new arts in action mural created live by Chicano muralist Mario Torero during the keynote forum. Students will be able to interact live online, uploading tweets and videos at ucsdsmashtv.com.

The festival day will feature multiple theatre, performance, spoken work, music and dance works. Highlights include work by contemporary dance group bksoul, choreographers Sandra Foster King, Liam Clancy, and Eric Geiger, composer Anthony Davis, Chicano theatre troupe Toma Teatro, visual artist Peter Terezakis and the socially conscious on-campus art group Art Collective. In homage to famous historical protests, including the suffragette and Women’s

movement, the Civil Rights movement, and the Farm Workers Union performative protest marches will parade across the campus. A reading of *Obamanation* by Lou-Lou Igbokwe, the winner of the fourth annual Dr. Floyd Gaffney Playwriting Competition on the African American Experience, will take place at the Cross Cultural Center from 1-2pm and an excerpt will be seen in the evening performance at the Weiss Theatre at 6:30 pm.

The festival will take place during the day throughout the UCSD campus, including on the Geisel Library Walk, and in front of sculptures in the famed Stuart Collection, the “Silent Tree” and the new “Chicano Legacy” mural at Peterson Hall. Beginning at 4pm there will be a keynote panel discussion at the Mandell Weiss Theatre. The programming will continue until 8pm with performances in the Mandell Weiss Theatre as well as throughout the UCSD Theatre District. Admission is free and food will also be sold at the event. The evening will conclude with an after party with DJ Shammy Dee from 8-10pm.

The Arts in Action festival is organized by Artistic Director Jade Power, and a large group of student and faculty volunteers, and produced by Chair Allyson Green and the Department of Theatre and Dance. This event is generously supported by the Chancellor, Senior Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs; Deans; Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs; Vice Chancellor, Research; College Provosts; Alumni Affairs, Division of Arts and Humanities Chairs; and La Jolla Playhouse.

ARTS IN ACTION FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

Creating Real Art for Real Change

Schedule of Events: www.artsinaction.us

May 3-May 7: Arts in Action Colleges Community Murals

Create YOUR art! Speak out for your college! Add your voice to your community's mural! Canvas squares will be at each college for a community mural to be created by students and then collaged together for the UCSD Arts in Action mural.

Murals will be at each college from May 3-May 7, and assembled with the Arts In Action Mural which will be created by Mario Torero and Fernando Vossa at the Weiss Theater 4-5:30 pm on May 7.

May 3-May 7: Arts in Action surprise performances and dance flash mobs all across campus

Be on the lookout for multiple surprise events including arts in action dance flash mobs and site specific performance art. Tweet and upload what you discover at ucsdsmashtv.com

Friday, May 7th, 2010 • 10am-10pm • Admission FREE

10am-2 pm: Arts in Action Across UCSD

Multiple events will be happening across the UCSD Campus, including lectures, play readings, site-specific performances and flash mob dances!

See www.artsinaction.us for details and links.

2-3:00 pm: Project Protest: Performance Marches

Four performance marches will invoke the tradition of arts activism creating change for Civil Rights, Women's Rights, Gay Rights, and Chicano Rights. They will all culminate in a silent protest at the Silent Tree on Library Walk, and then process to the Mandell Weiss Theatre in the UCSD Theatre District.

**Cross Cultural Center
LGBT Resource Center**

The Women's Center
Chicano Legacy Mural at Peterson Hall
Ending at the Silent Tree on Library Walk

3:50 pm: Gather, Dance and March In
All for One. One for All. West African Dance and Drumming
Mandell Weiss Court Yard

4-5:30 pm: Arts in Action Key Note Forum
Speak out, take in, and think critically about arts activism and the intersections between race, gender, sexuality, class and performance.
Mandell Weiss Theatre

5:30-6:30 pm: Arts in Action Interactions
Discover multiple site-specific art actions and installations and refresh with food from the taco truck!

Mandell Weiss Lobby and Courtyard
Visual Art installations
View, upload and interact at ucsd.smashtv.com

Mandell Weiss Courtyard
Toma Teatro performs Luis Valdez's *Los Vendidos*

Forum Loading Dock
Samuel Beckett's *Catastrophe*

In and Around the Molli and Arthur Wagner Dance Building
Contemporary Dance works and videos

6:30 – 8 pm: Arts in Action Performances
Theatre, performance art, dance, spoken word, music and audience interaction
Mandell Weiss Theatre

8 – 10 pm: Arts in Action After Party Dance
Create the community, talk, reflect, place a wish on the prayer wheel, and DANCE with DJ Shammy Dee
Mandell Weiss Theatre

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