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# City of San Diego Makes Civic Art Collection Accessible to Everyone Online

## WEBSITE FEATURES DIGITAL IMAGES OF CITY-OWNED ARTWORK

SAN DIEGO – A new digital representation of the City of San Diego’s Civic Art Collection is now available online. The City’s Commission of Arts and Culture launched the digital resource to increase the visibility of the Civic Art Collection and allow anyone with access to the web the opportunity to learn more about artworks in the collection. This digital resource, which will continue to evolve as the collection grows, is accessible at [sdcivicartcollection.com](http://sdcivicartcollection.com).

Providing an unparalleled view of the collection, the new website features digital images of City-owned artwork, as well as catalogue information for each item including name and biography of the artist; title, medium and description of the artwork; date the artwork was created and its location. The website allows users to quickly search and sort images by criteria, such as artwork type and location.

**“San Diego’s civic art collection is more than a century in the making, and can be found in every council district in the City. It is truly a reflection of our community and its values,” said Jonathon Glus, executive director of the Commission for Arts and Culture. “For the first time ever, with this new digital platform, anyone can discover and rediscover the City’s collection.”**

The launch of the Civic Art Collection portal coincides with a new interactive Civic Art Collection map created by the City of San Diego Performance and Analytics Department. Visit <https://data.sandiego.gov/public-art/> to view the map on the City’s Open Data portal. The digital portal and online map are part of the City’s continuing efforts to improve the public’s access to services and information.

The Civic Art Collection began unofficially in 1909, when the City accepted the gift of the Broadway Fountain in Horton Plaza Park, designed by architect Irving J. Gill, from local businessman and banker Louis J. Wilde. The City has continued to acquire artworks of historical importance and artistic significance ever since. The collection holds over 800 artworks, including paintings, sculptures, works on paper and prints that are exhibited primarily in the working environments of municipal buildings. The Civic Art

Collection is further distinguished by integrated artworks in the City's libraries, parks, public safety facilities, civic buildings and other public spaces throughout San Diego.

The City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture serves in an advisory capacity to the Mayor and City Council on promoting, encouraging and increasing support for the region's artistic and cultural assets, integrating arts and culture into community life and showcasing San Diego as an international tourist destination. Additional information is available at [www.sandiego.gov/arts-culture](http://www.sandiego.gov/arts-culture)

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