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ANNOUNCING PIANOS ON STATE STREET 2019 *Celebrating a Decade of Free Music for All*

(SANTA BARBARA, Calif.) - The Office of Arts and Culture is pleased to announce “Pianos on State 2019.” This interactive musical exhibition on State Street celebrates its 10th year and will run from October 21 through November 8, 2019. Pianos are painted by local artists and will be available for melodious exploration, impromptu play and group performances.

A free walking tour of the pianos with the artists is scheduled for 5 p.m. Tuesday, October 22 starting at the piano located at Ortega and State streets, and ending at Mosaic Locale, 1131 State Street. A closing reception will take place during the 1st Thursday Art Walk on November 7 at Wildcat Lounge, 15 W. Ortega Street.

Piano artists selected for the 2019 exhibition through an open community submission process include Ms. Guay's 4th Grade Art Class at Laguna Blanca School; Museum of Contemporary Art & Kunsthalle for Music; Youth Interactive; Sharyn Chan; Irene Hoffman, Magan and Phoebe Kunin, Alex Janos and Karl Kras; Rachel Jean; Michael Long; Mary McConnell; Cedar O'Reilly; Karen Putnam; Sio Tepper, Kelly Cote and Crew; and Charis van der Heide.

Pianos on State represents a unique collaboration that strives to provide arts exposure for all ages and enhance the cultural vibrancy of Santa Barbara. The program has received an extraordinarily positive community reception, resulting in extending the run to three weeks.

The Santa Barbara Bowl provides primary funding for the project and also stores the pianos during the year. The city of Santa Barbara funds administrative and project support and hosts the pianos on designated public art pads. The Community Arts Workshop provides painting studio space and coordination for the artists. The Santa Barbara Education Foundation facilitates pop-up student concerts. The Office of Arts and Culture helps produce the program.

Artist sponsors for the 2019 program include Arroyo Seco; Downtown Santa Barbara; Santa Barbara Beautiful; and the *Santa Barbara Independent*. Piano Sponsors include Hook and Press Donuts; Montecito Bank and Trust; Nicholson and Schwartz; The Towbes Group; and Wildcat Lounge. Additional business support is provided by Jared's Moving and Piano Specialist, Jim Connally Piano tuning, Marshalls, Lobero Theatre and Paseo Nuevo.

To learn more about sponsoring, painting or playing a piano, visit www.pianosonstate.com.

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The Santa Barbara County Office of Arts & Culture serves under the County's Community Services Department as the local governmental umbrella for all arts and culture projects and programs within Santa Barbara County. The agency represents a longstanding partnership between the Santa Barbara County and the City of Santa Barbara. For more than 30 years, both governments have shared resources and staff to maximize support for arts and culture institutions, programs, initiatives and projects. For more information, go to <https://www.sbac.ca.gov/>.