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2 BLOCKS OF ART

The Central Market Community Benefit District & Partners present the 7th Annual 2 Blocks of Art: Art Walk + Block Party + Art Premiere

Central Market CBD and Partners announce the 7th **Annual 2 BLOCKS OF ART** art walk, block party and art premiere on **Friday, October 13th from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.** As with the six previous years, this **free event** will bring over 75 artists to 25 locations within two blocks of 6th Street (between Market and Howard). The art walk will feature a range of art exhibits and live performances in galleries, bars, restaurants, a laundromat, coffee shops and a number of other storefronts.

This year's event premieres "[6th Street Superheroes](#)", a large-scale light art projection on the back of 16-story high 995 Market Street. Projected time-lapse videos of illustrators at work transforming everyday people into fantastical superheroes will be shown from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The 500 block of Jessie Street will be closed as a viewing area and will feature a stage with live music.

Don't miss Sketchpad Gallery's "[Sketch the Block](#)"! The wildly successful, 2 Blocks of Art exclusive one-night sketch-con, hosting artists in the fields of visual concept, comic books and video games, will be back for its second year. Artists include Andy Sciazko, Ben Jelter, Chica Artista, Christine Rhee, Dennis Brown, Frank Lin, Isabella Kung, Jackson Dryden, Jason Lee, Jennifer K Phan, Joko Budiono, Malisa Suchanya, Mary Syring, Pearl Shen, Suzanne Fiore Murata.

With many well-known arts organizations in the area, the event includes beloved galleries: **1AM, Bindlestiff, Little Raven, Luggage Store, Sketchpad and SF Camerawork.**

Individual and group show exhibitors include:

ArtSpan, Grand Bison Collective, Inks of Truth, Kim Volkman, Priya Asal Gheysani, Richard Perri, Samuel Henderson, Shayna Yasahura.

Music and dance throughout the evening includes:

Allison Lovejoy & Alina Polonskaya, Center for New Music, Escola Nova de Somba, Golden Gate Dolls, Ned Boynton Trio.

2 Blocks of Art is made possible by incredible community partners and generous supporters. Title sponsors for 2017 include the **South of Market Community Stabilization Fund** and founding partner **Urban Solutions**. Other sponsors include Mikkel Svane, Blick Art Materials, MJM Management Group, Stage 1075, Kilroy Realty Corporation, Shivshakti Foundation, and others listed at 2BlocksOfArt.org. Creative partners include Sketchpad gallery and Vehicle SF.

2017 walking maps will be available online at 2BlocksOfArt.org before the event. Follow us on [Instagram @2blocksofart_SF](https://www.instagram.com/2blocksofart_SF) and on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/2blocksofart_SF).

"Two Blocks of Art is a wonderful event!... I was delighted to see how the event engages people throughout the community in a celebration of art, culture and diversity. It was great to have such positive attention for Sixth Street."

Supervisor Jane Kim

"The event was beautifully crafted, all walks of life appreciated and were really ecstatic. People who came and went were full of enthusiasm. A lot of credit to the artists as well, it takes a lot of emotional and physical energy to produce a vision and experience. I wish the event was longer!"

2016 Participant

"A little girl bought one of my journals saying, 'I'm going to use this to write my stories,' that is just one of the wonderful connections I made selling and showing my art at 2 Blocks of Art."

2016 Participating Artist

"One of the most community engaging events for both artists and locals."

2016 Exhibition Host

About Central Market Community Benefit District

The Central Market Community Benefit District (CMCBD) is a non-profit community-based organization formed in 2006 to provide programs and services that improve the quality of life in the public realm. CMCBD programs and services increase pedestrian activity, strengthen existing small businesses and cultural institutions and enhance the public right of ways for people of all incomes, ethnicities and ages, including: residents, business and property owners, workers, and visitors in the area.