

DISABILITY COMMUNITY TO SHOWCASE  
WORKS OF ART AT “MICROCOSMIC” EXHIBITION JUNE 3-27

Jointly sponsored by First Street Gallery and  
2015 Special Olympics World Games

LOS ANGELES – May 29, 2013 – “Microcosmic,” a unique art exhibition featuring works from the Los Angeles arts and disability community, will be held June 3 - July 2, 2013 at the Bridge Gallery of Los Angeles City Hall. The exhibition is being staged by the First Street Gallery Art Center of the Tierra del Sol Foundation, in conjunction with the 2015 Special Olympics World Games, which are being held in Los Angeles.

Los Angeles City Councilmember Tom LaBonge, noted for his enthusiasm and support of the LA arts community, will host an opening reception at the City Hall rotunda June 4 at 9 a.m. “The 2015 Special Olympics will sew the threads of this city even tighter, just like in 1984,” LaBonge said. “This combination of sports and art is what the City of Los Angeles is all about.”

The exhibition, co-curated by Douglas Allen and Seth Pringle, will feature 30 works from more than 30 artists, many of whom have intellectual and other disabilities. The Special Olympics World Summer Games and the Tierra del Sol Foundation know that human potential for creativity and artistic excellence is not limited by disability and invite you to celebrate the diversity and depth of talent of our Los Angeles area artists. Artist and co-curator Douglas Allen will speak about his experience in the arts.

With 7,000 athletes representing 170 countries, the 2015 Special Olympics World Games will be the largest sports-and-humanitarian event anywhere in the world that year, and the biggest event in Los Angeles since the 1984 Olympic Games. Patrick McClenahan, the Games’ President and Chief Executive Officer, said: “Both sports and art have the power to transform lives. Through the power of sports, Special Olympics highlights the talents and skills of people with intellectual disabilities, while art also represents a powerful tool by which this

community can express their capabilities and passion. We are honored to partner with Tierra del Sol on this inspirational presentation.”

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**About the 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games:**

Being held in Los Angeles July 24 - August 2, the 2015 Special Olympics World Games will highlight the unparalleled spirit, enthusiasm, teamwork, hospitality and joy that are trademarks of all Special Olympics events. The Games will feature 23 Olympic-style sports in venues throughout the Los Angeles region, following the Opening Ceremony in the historic Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, site of the 1932 and 1984 Olympic Games. Founded in 1968 by Eunice Kennedy Shriver, the global Special Olympics movement today engages more than 4 million people around the world. For more information on the 2015 Special Olympics World Games, including sponsorship and volunteer opportunities, visit [www.losangeles2015.org](http://www.losangeles2015.org).

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