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# Introduction

## Welcome to the ACRL Arts Section's ArtsGuide San Diego!

This selective guide to cultural attractions and events has been created for attendees of the 2011 ALA MidWinter Conference in San Diego, CA.

## Map of sites listed in this guide

See what's close to you or plot your course by car, foot, or public transportation using the Google map version of this guide: **<http://tinyurl.com/artsguidesandiego>**

## Where to search for arts and entertainment

- San Diego's Travel Resource Event Guide:  
**<http://www.sandiego.org/nav/Visitors/EventCalendar>**
- The San Diego Union-Tribune's Night and Day Event Guide:  
**<http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/night-and-day/>**

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*\*Efforts were made to gather the most up to date information for performance dates, but please be sure to confirm by checking the venue web sites provided.*

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# Visual Arts and Museums

## Balboa Park

### SAN DIEGO MUSEUM OF ART

Established in 1926, it is San Diego's oldest and largest museum. The building was designed by William Templeton Johnson, a notable San Diego architect in the first half of the 20th century. Among its strengths are its collections of paintings by Spanish masters and from Southeast Asian. Recently the museum has strengthened its collections of work from Africa and Oceania.

**Location:** 1450 El Prado, Balboa Park

**Transportation:** MTS bus routes 120 & 7

**Hours:** 10:00-5:00 Tues.-Sat., 12:00-5:00 Sun.

**Admission:** \$8-\$12

**Time Commitment:** 1-2 hours

**Website:** <http://www.sdmart.org>

**Phone number:** (619) 235-8466

**Exhibitions:** "Dreams & Diversions: 250 years of Japanese Woodblock Prints from the San Diego Museum of Art"; "Temple, Palace, Mosque: Southern Asian and Persian Art"; and "The Smart Set: Photographs by Alfred Eisenstaedt"

### TIMKEN MUSEUM

The Timken is the home of the Putnam Foundation collection, which was the personal collection of sisters Amy and Anne Putnam, former San Diego residents. Their collection of 60 paintings includes works by Albert Bierstadt, Pieter Bruegel, Rembrandt, Francois Boucher as well as a number of Russian icons.

**Location:** 1500 El Prado, Balboa Park

**Transportation:** MTS bus routes 120 & 7

**Hours:** 10:00-4:30 Tues. – Sat., 1:30-4:30 Sun.

**Admission:** Free

**Time Commitment:** 30 – 45 min.

**Website:** <http://timkenmuseum.org/index.html>

**Phone number:** (619) 239-5548

### MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS

The museum is one of a handful of museums in the U.S. devoted solely to photography. Its collection of 9,000 has work from the early history of photography to the present. Its holdings in Soviet Russian photography from mid-twentieth century is significant as are its collections of social documentary work.

**Location:** 1649 El Prado, Balboa Park

**Transportation:** MTS bus routes 20 and 7

**Hours:** 10:00-5:00 Tues.-Sun.

**Admission:** \$4-\$6

**Time Commitment:** 30 – 45 min.

**Website:** <http://www.mopa.org>

**Phone number:** (619)238-7559

**Exhibitions:** "New Realities: Jerry Uelsmann + Maggie Taylor"; "Reflections: Exploring Cultural Identity"

### MINGEI INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM

If you see two large colorful sculptures by Niki de Saint Phalle in Balboa Park, you are at the Mingei. It specializes in folk art, crafts, and design and has a collection of some 19,000 objects from 191 countries. Allow some time to browse the gift shop.

**Location:** 1439 El Prado, Balboa Park

**Transportation:** MTS bus routes 20 and 7

**Hours:** 10:00-4:00 Tues.-Sun.

**Admission:** \$4-\$7

**Time Commitment:** 1-2 hours

**Website:** <http://www.mingei.org/>

**Phone number:** (619) 239-0003

**Exhibitions:** "Zandra Rhodes: A Lifelong Love Affair with Textiles"; "Between East and West: Folk Arts Treasures of Romania"

### SAN DIEGO HISTORY CENTER

The center has collections of photographs, many of which are online, manuscripts, public records, architectural drawings, etc. pertaining to the his-

tory of San Diego. Its collection of objects includes items from the Kumeyaah people, costumes, ceramics, paintings, sculpture and other media. The center also publishes the Journal of San Diego History.

**Location:** 1649 El Prado, Suite 3, Balboa Park, San Diego 92101

**Transportation:** MTS bus routes 20 and 7

**Hours:** Tues.- Sun., 10:00 – 5:00

**Admission:** \$2-\$5

**Time Commitment:** 45 min.

**Website:** <http://www.sandiegohistory.org/>

**Phone number:** (619) 232-6203

**Exhibitions:** “Dressing the Part” and “Creating an Artistic Basis: Local Artists Groups from the Early 20th Century”

## SAN DIEGO ART INSTITUTE

In addition to serving as an exhibit space for its members, it promotes the visual arts by sponsoring lectures open to the public and educational programs for children.

**Location:** 1439 El Prado, Balboa Park

**Transportation:** MTS buses 120 and 7

**Hours:** Tues.-Sat. 10 – 4, Sun. 12 – 4

**Admission:** \$2-\$3

**Time Commitment:** 30 min.

**Website:** <http://www.sandiego-art.org/>

**Phone number:** (619) 236-1974

**Exhibitions:** Works by Igor Koutsenko and Kirby Kendrick

## SPANISH VILLAGE ART CENTER

The village was built in 1935 for the 2nd California Pacific International Exposition and is a colorful place to stroll around. It houses working studios and galleries for a variety of artisans, potters, glass blowers, jewelers, fiber artists and more.

**Location:** 1779 Village Place, Balboa Park

**Transportation:** MTS buses 120 and 7

**Hours:** Mon. – Sun. 11am - 4pm

**Admission:** Free

**Time Commitment:** 45 min. to an hour

**Website:** <http://www.spanishvillageart.com/index.html>

**Phone number:** (619) 233-9050

**Performances:** There are daily glass blowing demonstrations. Gallery 21 features a small image show.

## *Downtown*

### MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART SAN DIEGO (DOWNTOWN)

The downtown galleries serve as a satellite to the La Jolla facility. One of the buildings (Jacobs Building) is located in the former baggage room of the Santa Fe Depot. A large site-specific installation by Richard Serra is located between the Jacobs Building and the railroad tracks. The new building (Copley Building) at 1100 Kettner features a neon sign by Jenny Holzer.

**Location:** 1100 & 1001 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego 92101

**Transportation:** MTS Orange line trolley to America Plaza

**Hours:** 11-5 Thurs.- Tues.

**Admission:** \$5 - \$10

**Time Commitment:** 30 – 45 min.

**Website:** <http://mcasd.org/>

**Phone number:** (858) 454-3541

**Exhibitions:** “Home Bodies: Selections from the Collection”

## *East Village*

### SUSHI CONTEMPORARY PERFORMANCE AND VISUAL ARTS

Located near Petco Park, Sushi serves as an alternative performing and visual arts space.

**Location:** 390 Eleventh Avenue

**Transportation:** MTS trolley Market Street; short walk from the convention center.

**Hours:** Wed.-Fri. 1:00-6:00

**Admission:** Gallery admission is free

**Time Commitment:** 20-30 minutes

**Website:** <http://sushiart.org/>

**Phone number:** (619)235-8466

## *La Jolla*

### MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART SAN DIEGO (LA JOLLA)

The museum has a collection of some 4,000 pieces in a wide range of media, created since 1950. Some exhibits are based on their permanent collection, some are traveling exhibits, and others are organized by its curators. In recent years they have had several exhibits featuring the work of Latin American artists. The museum also commissions work; for instance, the La Jolla location has a large piece by Nancy Rubins on its patio. One of the galleries has a spectacular view of the ocean.

**Location:** 700 Prospect St., La Jolla 92037-4291

**Transportation:** MTS bus route 30

**Hours:** Thurs. – Tues. 11 – 5

**Admission:** \$5 - \$10

**Time Commitment:** 45 min. – an hour

**Website:** <http://mcasd.org/>

**Phone number:** (858) 454-3541

**Exhibitions of Interest:** “Collection Applied Design: A Kim MacConnel Retrospective”

## 2Galleries

### *Downtown/Gaslamp*

#### ALEXANDER SALAZAR FINE ART

Alexander Salazar is a 2,000 square-foot, high-end art salon featuring the works of national and international mid-career and emerging artists.

**Location:** 640 Broadway

**Transportation:** MTS trolley 5th Avenue Station - Blue Line/Orange Line; short walk from the convention center

**Hours:** Tuesday - Saturday, 10am-6pm

**Phone:** (619) 531-8996

**Website:** [www.alexandersalazarfineart.com](http://www.alexandersalazarfineart.com)

### *Little Italy*

#### NOEL-BAZA FINE ART

**Location:** 2165 India St. (at Ivy St.)

**Transportation:** MTS trolley Blue Line County Center/Little Italy Stn (0.4 mi from station)

**Hours:** Tuesday-Saturday: 12 - 6 pm

**Phone:** (619) 876-4160

**Website:** [www.noel-bazafineart.com](http://www.noel-bazafineart.com)

### SCOTT WHITE CONTEMPORARY ART

Contemporary and modern art gallery specializing in emerging and mid-career artists.

**Location:** 939 West Kalmia Street

**Transportation:** MTS trolley Blue Line: Middletown Stn. (0.4 mi from station)

**Phone:** (619) 501-5689

**Website:** [www.scottwhiteart.com](http://www.scottwhiteart.com)

### MEYER FINE ART, INC.

Gallery specializing in limited edition prints and other works on paper.

**Location:** 2400 Kettner Blvd. Suite 104

**Transportation:** MTS trolley Blue Line: Middletown Stn. (0.4 mi from station)

**Hours:** Tue - Thur, 11-5pm; Fri - Sat, 11-6pm

**Phone:** (619) 358-9512

**Website:** [www.plmeyerfineart.com](http://www.plmeyerfineart.com)

### *East Village*

#### DEVICE GALLERY

**Location:** 1815-B Main Street

**Transportation:** MTS Trolley Blue Line - Barrio Logan Station

**Hours:** Tuesday-Saturday: 11am - 6pm

**Phone:** (619) 278-8455



**Website:** [www.devicegallery.com](http://www.devicegallery.com)

## North Park ART PRODUCE GALLERY

An artist run storefront exhibition space and public art experience in North Park, a diverse and historic urban community of San Diego. The gallery is entirely visible from the sidewalk and was designed to accommodate sculptural installations, cross-disciplinary works, digital media, and performance events.

**Location:** 3139 University Ave.

**Phone:** (619) 584-4448

**Hours:** Daily, 9am-4pm

**Website:** <http://www.artproducegallery.com>

## La Jolla GOTTHELF ART GALLERY

The Gotthelf Art Gallery is part of the San Diego Center for Jewish Culture and is devoted to expanding and enriching cultural life in San Diego by presenting the finest in Jewish artistic expressions, encouraging the preservation of Jewish culture and heritage.

**Current exhibit:** *John David Ratajkowski – From Page to Stage: Portraits of Jewish Literary Figures in Film*

**Hours:** Sunday-Friday 9am - 5pm

**Phone:** (858) 362-1114

**Location:** 4126 Executive Drive, La Jolla

**Transportation:** MTS bus routes 201,202

**Website:** <http://sdcjc.lfjcc.org/gag/>

## QUINT CONTEMPORARY ART

Quint Contemporary Art has been a fixture on the San Diego art scene since 1981. The gallery exhibits contemporary painting, sculpture, installations, drawings, prints and multimedia works by both emerging and established artists.

Check website for current exhibitions.

**Hours:** Tue - Sat 11am - 5:30pm

**Location:** 7739 Fay Avenue, La Jolla

**Transportation:** MTS Bus route 30

**Phone:** (858) 454 3409

**Website:** <http://quintgallery.com>

## 3Architecture

### Balboa Park District

#### BALBOA PARK

In 1868, San Diego purchased 1,400 acres in the downtown area. The land, known as “City Park”, remained for 20 years. In 1892, in exchange for 32 acres of land to build her nursery, Kate Sessions pledged to plant 100 trees a year on the land. Thus, Sessions became the first designer of the Park. In 1903, the first plan for improvements of the Park began. A contest was held to name the new park and in 1910, City Park became Balboa Park. The winner chose the name because the Park offered a view of the Pacific Ocean and explorer Vasco Nunez de Balboa was the first European (from the coast of Panama) to see the Pacific Ocean. The park has its own transportation that runs continuously from 8:00 am to 6:00pm daily.

**Location:** 1549 El Prado

**Transportation:** MTS bus (see times/schedule: <http://www.balboapark.org/maps/directions.php>)

**Hours:** Open daily

**Admission:** Free

**Time Commitment:** 1 hour

**Website:** [www.balboapark.org](http://www.balboapark.org)

**Phone number:** Visitor Center (619) 239-0512

#### MARSTON HOUSE

Built in 1905, the home is a typical Craftsman-style architecture. The 8500-square-foot home is one of the few remaining examples built by Hebard and Gill. Redwood throughout the house,

a large brick fireplace, original wallpaper and a beautiful garden make this home a must see. The home is now a museum dedicated to the Arts and Craft furniture and decorative arts.

**Location:** 3525 7th Ave. (Between Upas St and Pennsylvania Ave)

**Hours:** Fri-Sun 1:00am-5:00pm. Tours on the hour (last tour at 4:00pm)

**Admission:** Adults: \$5.00, 6-17 years old: \$2.00  
Discounts to seniors, military and students.

**Website:** <http://www.sandiegohistory.org/>

**Phone number:** (619) 293-3142

## THE OLD GLOBE THEATERS

Built by Richard Requa, Since 1935 the Old Globe has been showing Shakespeare, and contemporary plays as well as musicals. The Theater is an exact replica of the Old Globe Theater in London.

**Location:** Located behind the San Diego Museum of Man

**Website:** [www.theglobe.org](http://www.theglobe.org)

**Phone number:** (619) 234-5623

## CASA DEL PRADO

It was built by Carleton Winslow in 1915 as the Food and Beverages building for the Pan American Exposition. After being used as naval offices during both world wars, and as headquarters for the public library the home fell into despair. The building was demolished in 1968. Luckily, all of the interiors were saved and the new home, under architect Richard George Wheeler, is now an accurate replica of the original building.

**Location:** Located between the Natural History Museum and the Lily Pond

## BOTANICAL BUILDING AND LILY POND

Built in 1915 the Botanical Building is 250 feet long and 60 feet tall. The building underwent extensive renovations in 2002.

**Location:** North side of El Prado, between Timken Art Museum and Casa del Prado

**Hours:** Open daily except Thursday and on city holidays from 10:00am to 4:00pm.

**Admission:** Free

## MARIE HITCHCOCK PUPPET THEATER

Built in 1940s the theater has been a local attraction.

**Location:** Pan American Plaza

**Hours:** Show times are 10:00am and 11:30am, Saturday and Sun.: 1:00pm and 2:30 pm.

**Admission:** \$5.00

**Website:** [www.balboaparkpuppets.com](http://www.balboaparkpuppets.com)

**Phone number:** (619) 685-5990

## *Downtown*

### GASLAMP QUARTER HISTORIC DISTRICT

The Gaslamp Quarter covers 16½ blocks and it takes its name as a reference to the many gas lamps that were used in San Diego during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Alonzo Horton began the development of the area in 1867.

**Location:** The Gaslamp District is located in downtown San Diego near the Convention Center. It is bounded by Broadway and K Streets between Fourth and Sixth Streets.

### GASLAMP GUIDED WALKING TOUR

Led by a trained guide, you can visit this famous district every Saturdays at 11:00am. Cost of the tour is \$10.00, \$8.00 for seniors/students/military.

**Contact:** Gaslamp Quarter Historical Foundation, (619) 233-4692

## HISTORIC BUILDINGS

The Downtown area has many other sites that are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. They include:

- ◆ The Alfred Haines House at 2470 E Street
- ◆ The Armed Services YMCA at 500 West

## Broadway

- ◆ The Balboa Theatre at 868 Fourth Avenue
- ◆ Eagles Hall at 733 Eighth Street
- ◆ The El Cortez Apartment Hotel at 702 Ash Street
- ◆ The Hawthorne Inn at 2121 First Avenue
- ◆ The Horton Grand Hotel at 332 F Street
- ◆ The Independent Order of Odd Fellows building at 526 Market Street
- ◆ The John Ginty House at 1568 Ninth Avenue
- ◆ The McClintock Storage Warehouse at 1202 Kettner Boulevard
- ◆ The Medico-Dental Building at 233 A Street
- ◆ The Panama Hotel at 105 West F Street
- ◆ The Pythias Lodge Building at 211 E Street and 870 Third Avenue
- ◆ The Robert E. Lee Hotel at 815 Third Avenue and 314 F Street
- ◆ The San Diego Rowing Club building at 535 East Harbor Drive
- ◆ The San Diego Trust and Savings Bank building at 530 Broadway
- ◆ The Spreckels Theater at 121 Broadway
- ◆ Santa Fe Depot at 1050 Kettner Street
- ◆ The U.S. Grant Hotel at 326 Broadway
- ◆ The U.S. post office at 815 E Street
- ◆ The U.S. courthouse at 325 West F Street
- ◆ The Walker Scott Building and Owl Drug Building at 1014 Fifth Avenue and 402 Broadway

*La Jolla*

## THE SALK INSTITUTE

The Salk Institute was established in the 1960s by Jonas Salk, M.D., the developer of the polio vaccine. Salk selected the world-renowned architect Louis I. Kahn as the person who could design the facility that he envisioned.

**Location:** 10010 North Torrey Pines Road

**Hours:** Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m. Closed to the general public on weekends.

**Tours:** Free tours are offered Monday-Friday at noon. Reservations are required two days in advance of date requested and can be made by registering online, at: [http://www.salk.edu/about/architecture\\_tours.html](http://www.salk.edu/about/architecture_tours.html)

**Admission:** Free

**Website:** <http://www.salk.edu/about/architecture.html>

**Phone number:** Salk Tours (858)453-4100 x1287

*Mission Valley*

## MISSION BASILICA SAN DIEGO DE ALCALA

Founded in 1769 Mission San Diego is California's first mission and a beautiful example of Spanish-style architecture. It still serves as an active parish church.

**Location:** 10818 San Diego Mission Rd.

**Transportation:** MTS Green Line Mission San Diego Station (0.4 mi)

**Hours:** Visitor Center and Gift shop open 9:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. daily

**Admission:** Suggested donation: Adult \$3; Senior (55+) \$2; Child (12 and under) \$1

**Time Commitment:** 30 minutes

**Website:** <http://www.missionsandiego.com/>

## 4Film

## IMAX FILMS AT THE REUBEN H. FLEET SCIENCE CENTER

The Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, located in Balboa Park, also has an IMAX theater where they show nature and science films. During their weekly film festival called Fridays at the Fleet. Every Friday night visitors can enjoy up to three films in the Heikoff Dome Theater for a big discount. See one film for \$8.50, and catch up to 2 additional films for only \$5 each. Plus, each month

they show a different mix of “classic” IMAX films from the archives and current films. See website for film listings and schedule.

**Location:** 1875 El Prado

**Transportation:** MTS bus routes 20 and 7

**Admission:** \$12-\$15

**Time Commitment:** 40 min.-1 hour

**Website:** <http://www.rhfleet.org/site/imax/index.cfm>

## LANDMARK KEN CINEMA

Built in 1946 and operated by Landmark since 1975, the Ken Cinema opened as the first theatre to bring quality foreign films to San Diego. The Ken offers a wide variety of films, from independent fare to foreign language cinema to restored classics. The Ken Cinema is San Diego’s last single screen theatre.

**Location:** 4061 Adams Ave.

**Transportation:** MTS bus route 11

**Phone number:** (619) 819-0236

**Website:** <http://www.landmarktheatres.com/market/SanDiego/KenCinema.htm>

## 5Theatre

### *Gaslamp District*

#### HORTON GRAND THEATER

**Location:** 444 Fourth Ave

**Transportation:** MTS Trolley Orange Line Convention Center Station; or short walk from convention center

**Phone number:** (619) 232-9608

**Website:** [www.lambplayers.org/index](http://www.lambplayers.org/index)

#### SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATER

Performances include eclectic musicals, drama, and comedies.

**Location:** 79 Horton Plaza

**Transportation:** MTS Trolley Blue Line/Orange Line Civic Center Station; or short walk from convention center

**Phone number:** (619) 544-1000

**Website:** [www.sandiegorep.org](http://www.sandiegorep.org)

### *La Jolla*

#### LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE

Founded by icons Gregory Peck, Dorothy McGuire and Mel Ferrer the theater offers a variety of productions.

**Location:** La Jolla Village Drive at Torrey Pines Rd, La Jolla

**Transportation:** MTS bus routes 30 & 101

**Phone number:** (858) 550-1010

**Website:** [www.lajollaplayhouse.com](http://www.lajollaplayhouse.com)

### *Coronado*

#### LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATER

The company performs year-around in the historic Spreckels Building Theater in the charming beach-side village of Coronado.

**Location:** 1142 Orange Ave.

**Phone number:** (619) 437-0600

**Website:** [www.lambplayers.org](http://www.lambplayers.org)

### *Park West*

#### MYSTERY CAFE

Dinner and a show where audience participation is expected.

**Location:** 505 Kalmia St, San Diego

**Transportation:** MTS bus routes 3 & 120

**Phone number:** (619) 544-1600

**Website:** [www.mysterycafe.net](http://www.mysterycafe.net)

### *Old Town*

#### CYGNET OLD TOWN THEATRE

The company offers musicals and familiar plays.

**Location:** 4040 Twiggs Street, San Diego

**Transportation:** MTS Trolley Blue Line/Green

Line Old Town Transit Center (0.3 mi)

**Phone number:** (619) 688-2494

**Website:** <http://cygnettheatre.com>

## 6Music

### SAN DIEGO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

RICHARD STRAUSS' A HERO'S LIFE: A Symphony Exposed Concert

Jan 6th, 7:30pm

Richard Strauss: Ein Heldenleben (A Hero's Life)  
Conductor and Guest Artists

Jahja Ling, Conductor

Nuvi Mehta, host

**Description:** Nuvi Mehta explores the dynamic times of Richard Strauss, portrayed in his grand musical self portrait—A Hero's Life.

AX PLAYS MOZART

Jan 7-9

**Description:** Emanuel Ax, a "piano hero" to many, comes to Symphony Hall for a sparkling early Mozart concerto, and then Maestro Ling closes the concert with Richard Strauss' monumental tone poem and "heroic" self-portrait, Ein Heldenleben (A Hero's Life).

*For ticketing and more information: <http://www.sandiegosymphony.com/concert>*

### ANTHOLOGY

A casual but upscale downtown restaurant and live music venue.

**Performances:** Jan 8 - Pete Escovedo Orchestra: A major force in Latin music since the late '60s, Pete Escovedo's versatility has resulted in success in several areas of music, from Latin jazz and salsa to rock and Latin pop.

**Location:** 1337 India Street

**Transportation:** MTS trolley Blue Line/Orange Line America Plaza Station (0.2 mi from station)

**Phone number:** (619) 595-0300

**Website:** <http://www.anthologysd.com/>

### CROCE'S RESTAURANT & JAZZ BAR

Croce's Restaurant and Jazz Bar, a popular Gaslamp landmark, and a tribute to singer-songwriter Jim Croce, offers Contemporary American Cuisine, a Wine Spectator Award Winning Wine List and Live Music Nightly.

**Location:** 802 Fifth Ave.

**Events:** Live Music Nightly: Sunday - Thursday: 7:30pm; Friday - Saturday: 8:30pm

**Phone:** (619) 233-4355

**Website:** <http://www.croces.com>

## 7Dance

### CITY BALLET SCHOOL & COMPANY

This non-profit organization has been producing performances since 1995.

**Location:** 941 Garnet Ave

**Admission:** Range between \$25.00 and \$40.00. Seniors/students discounts.

**Website:** [www.cityballet.org](http://www.cityballet.org)

**Phone number:** (858) 272-8663

### MALASHOCK DANCE & Co.

This company has an active year-round schedule. Check the Website for performances and admission information.

**Location:** 3103 Falcon St. Suite J

**Website:** [www.malashockdance.org](http://www.malashockdance.org)

**Phone number:** (619) 260-1622