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THE 3RD SEASON OF AN ARTIST @ THE TABLE KICKS OFF WITH AN AMAZING LINEUP OF ARTS LEADERS AND TOP CHEFS

SAN DIEGO (January 30, 2018) – Vanguard Culture kicks off its 3rd Season of [An Artist @the Table](#) on Saturday, March 24, 2018 with an amazing lineup of arts leaders and top chefs. *An Artist @ the Table* is a unique dinner series designed to introduce the general public to San Diego’s creative leaders. Twelve strangers are invited to share in a delicious 4-course fine dining experience with a prominent local arts leader in a beautiful private residence. Featured Artists’ backgrounds range from photography to architecture, fashion, theatre, visual arts, opera, dance and more. Chefs are tasked with creating a menu inspired by the work of the artist. The 2018 Season features San Diego Museum of Art, Executive Director Roxana Velásquez paired with Winner of MasterChef Season 6, Chef Claudia Sandoval (March 24); Iconic British Fashion Designer, Dame Zandra Rhodes paired with Coronado Island Marriott Resort & Spa Chef Aaron Obregon (August 11); and Marin Gertler, Winner of the 2017 American Institute of Architects’ Young Architect of the Year Award paired with Cosecha SD Executive Chef Steve Brown (October 13).

Wine pairings from the Valle de Guadalupe generously provided by [Baja Wine + Food](#). Early ticket purchase is highly recommended. 21+ only.

“Our goal is to provide San Diegans with an opportunity to further expand their cultural and culinary palates. An Artist @ the Table is one of our most sought-after events because it gives the community a chance to dine with some of the Region’s most notable creative leaders in an

intimate setting. It also provides chefs with a unique creative challenge that yields extraordinary results.” said Vanguard Culture Founder Susanna Peredo Swap.

\$175.00 General Admission
\$125.00 Nonprofit Employees
\$100.00 Creative Industry Professionals

2018 SEASON CALENDAR

March 24: San Diego Museum of Art, Executive Director Roxana Velásquez paired with the Winner of MasterChef Season 6, Chef Claudia Sandoval

Dine with one of the region’s most dynamic arts leaders, Executive Director of [The San Diego Museum of Art](#), Roxana Velásquez. Featuring a gorgeous menu INSPIRED BY MS. VELASQUEZ, designed by MasterChef Season 6 Winner, Chef Claudia Sandoval. Wine pairings provided by [Baja Wine + Food](#). 21+ Only.

As a passionate advocate for the arts, Ms. Velásquez has focused on fostering cross-cultural dialogues within the San Diego community as well as nationally and internationally. Throughout her professional career, she has organized many high-profile exhibitions in her capacity as the Executive Director of the Museo Nacional de San Carlos, Museo Nacional de Arte (MUNAL), the Museo del Palacio de Bellas Artes in Mexico City, and currently with The San Diego Museum of Art. Ms. Velásquez served on the Paris Biennial Commission responsible for selecting the international galleries and antique dealers to exhibit at the 2017 Biennial.

August 11: Iconic British Fashion Designer, Dame Zandra Rhodes paired with Coronado Island Marriott Resort & Spa, Chef Aaron Obregon

Dine with Iconic British Fashion Designer Zandra Rhodes. Featuring a colorful menu INSPIRED BY DAME RHODES, designed by Coronado Island

Marriott Resort & Spa Chef Aaron Obregon. Wine pairings provided by [Baja Wine + Food](#). 21+ Only.

[Zandra Rhodes](#) was part of a new wave of British designers who put London at the forefront of the international fashion scene in the 1970s. Her designs have been described as “clear, creative statements, dramatic but graceful, bold but feminine.” Her unconventional and colorful prints are often inspired by travel; chevron stripes from Ukraine, North American Indian symbols, Japanese flowers, calligraphy, and shells. She made her biggest splash in 1977 with the establishment take on punk which she called *Conceptual Chic*. Rhodes is the founder of the Fashion and Textile Museum in London and has designed for Diana, Princess of Wales. Freddie Mercury and Brian May of Queen. She continues to design for royalty and celebrities, as well as sets and costumes for several opera houses including The [San Diego Opera](#), the [Houston Grand Opera](#), and [English National Opera](#).

October 13: Marin Gertler, Winner of the 2017 AIA (American Institute of Architects) Young Architect of the Year Award (YAYA) paired with Cosecha SD Executive Chef Steve Brown

Dine with one of the nation's most innovative young architects, Marin Gertler - winner of the 2017 [American Institute of Architects'](#) Young Architects of the Year Award. Featuring an adventurous menu INSPIRED BY MR. GERTLER, designed by [Cosecha SD](#) Executive Chef Steve Brown.

Wine pairings provided by [Baja Wine + Food](#). 21+ Only.

Marin Gertler is an award-winning Architect and Design Director who is currently leading the design for several high-profile projects in downtown San Diego including; the 850 room [Fifth Ave Landing](#) hotel and the first new office building in the heart of little Italy. Mr. Gertler is a leader in the firm with a focus on mixed-use projects. In 2017, Marin was recognized as Young Architect of the Year by the American Institute of Architects. He is also active with the Arts and Culture Committee of the Downtown Partnership, where he was invited to be the design juror for a project in 2017 focused on pop-up retail. Marin and his wife, Rocio

Lastras De Gertler co-founded [LdG Landscape Architects](#), a thriving eight-person boutique landscape architecture firm focused on innovative urban spaces.

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TICKETS: \$175.00 General Admission / \$125.00 Nonprofit Employees / \$100.00 Industry Professionals from the Visual, Performing or Culinary Arts. 21+ only. Ticket includes a beautiful 4-course fine dining experience *inspired by* the work of the artist. Featuring wine pairings from the Valle de Guadalupe, Baja California provided by [Baja Wine+Food](#). Available for purchase at www.VanguardCulture.com.

SPONSORS: The 2018 Season of An Artist @ the Table is made possible thanks to our generous sponsors: DJ Masha & Joseph Burello; Michele & David Lowenstein; Neil Osborne & Delia Risbrough; [Baja Wine + Food](#); [The San Diego Museum of Art](#), [The American Institute of Architects San Diego](#); [Claudia's Cocina](#); [Cosecha SD](#); [Coronado Island Marriott Resort & Spa](#) and our generous private venue hosts.

LOCATION: Each *An Artist @ the Table* dinner is held in a unique art-filled private residence, location announced the week of the event.

PHOTOS: Digital images of past Vanguard Culture events are available at <http://vanguardculture.com/press-room-2/>

Vanguard Culture is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing San Diego's Creative Industries. Our [arts coverage](#), events, and programs work to create arts jobs, bring diverse communities together, and [inspire creative collaboration](#) among industry professionals from the visual, performing and culinary arts.

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