

# VANGUARD CULTURE

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**AVANT-GARDE COSTUME GALA PRESENTS  
A WILD & WONDERFUL EVENING OF SENSORY PLEASURE**

***COINCIDING WITH COMIC-CON WEEKEND VANGUARD CULTURE  
RETURNS WITH ITS MOST ADVENTUROUS COSTUME PARTY YET***

SAN DIEGO, CA (July 8, 2017) — [Vanguard Culture](#) presents its third annual Avant-Garde Costume Gala on **Saturday, July 22, 2017 from 6:30pm-10:30 p.m.** at [Park6](#). **Doors open at 6:30pm, event program begins at 7:30pm.** Join Vanguard Culture for its most adventurous costume party yet — in support of programs that create arts jobs, bring diverse communities together, and inspire creative collaboration. Event experiences include:

- Over a dozen delicious food stations and three beverage stations.
- A glowing forest of bright pink, purple, and fuchsia weeping willow trees designed by artist [Daniel Barron Corrales](#).
- An ethereal and engaging contemporary dance performance by [Dia Bassett](#), [Dina Apple](#) & DAA.
- A weblike art installation by [Dina Apple](#) that allows guests to ask a question and have it answered via shadows created within the structure.
- Avant-Garde visuals presented by [The San Diego Underground Film Festival](#).
- A virtual reality room by [Dragonfly Alchemy](#) that culminates in a pastry-filled Mad Hatter Tea Party.
- An interactive audiovisual experience that captures guests' movements and retranslates them into bizarre and wonderful imagery, designed by [Zuzor](#).
- A colorful photo station by [Sarah Stieber](#) and Theresa Fulton, composed of a painting that comes to life in ribbons.
- An extraordinary Avant-Garde Fashion Show produced by [Fashion Week San Diego](#).

Guests are encouraged to wear their wildest, most unique, or thought-provoking costumes as they partake in an extraordinary evening of sensory pleasures. Featuring eccentrically costumed characters, costume contest and raffle prizes valued over \$1,000, music by [DJ Masha](#), amazing food samplings, and much more. *Fashionistas, Foodies, Steampunkers, Art Lovers, and Cosplay fans are encouraged to attend.*

“This extraordinary event is geared towards celebrating our fourth year of arts coverage and cultural programming for the San Diego community. Our journey thus far has been nothing less than inspirational and we are thrilled to finally be transitioning into a nonprofit organization. The objective of the evening is to raise funds for our cultural and culinary programs, while showcasing some of the region’s best chefs, installation artists, and performers.” said Vanguard Culture Founder Susanna Peredo Swap.

***Your coverage is invited!***  
***Please let me know if I can assist you by setting up interviews with performers or installation artists, and/or a live chef demonstration for some pre-event coverage.***

**TICKETS:** 21+ only. (Includes one drink + cash bar.) **\$75.00** Pre-sale / **\$65.00** for Active Military (with valid I.D.) and Employees of Non-Profit Organizations / **\$60.00** for Groups of 6 or more / **\$55.00** for Creative Industry Professionals with a business card at the door / **\$90.00** Day of the event. Available for purchase at [www.VanguardCulture.com](http://www.VanguardCulture.com).

The Avant-Garde Costume Gala is made possible thanks to our wonderful Cultural & Community Partners, including: [Fashion Week San Diego](#); [Buffalo Breath Costumes](#); [Baja Wine + Food](#) & [The San Diego Underground Film Festival](#)

**PARTICIPATING CHEFS & RESTAURANTS INCLUDE (Select list):**

- The Main Course Restaurant, [Chef Mario Medina](#)
- La Meztiza Restaurante, Chef Sandra Vazquez Fernández
- Martin San Román Catering, [Chef Martin San Román](#)
- NV Personal Dining, [Chef Stevan Novoa](#)
- Paellas Villa de Cervantes Catering, [Chef Carlos Cervantes](#)
- Monster Crafts, Chef JC Huerta
- Salicornia, Chef [Karla Navarro](#)
- Mariscos German Beyer, Chef Jorge Fuentes
- Cien Años Restaurante, Chef [José Sparza](#)
- Cocina Silvestre, Chef [Alberto Cansino Gómez](#)



## **PARTICIPATING BEVERAGE PROVIDERS:**

- [Duck Foot Brewing Company](#)
- [Adobe Guadalupe Vineyards & Inn](#)
- [Baja Wine + Food](#)
- [Finca La Carrodilla](#)
- [Lomita Vinicola Mexicana](#)
- [Monte Xanic Bodega Vinicola](#)
- [Paoloni Wines](#)
- [Vinicola Torres Alegre y Familia](#)

[Daniel Barron Corrales](#) is a San Diego-based artist who spent his youth working at his mother's stall at a local flea market, selling textiles. The memories and experiences he has from growing up among this colorful and texturally diverse environment left a lasting impression that is expressed directly through his work. He utilizes textiles as his medium of choice because of its amorphous nature and ability to be reset. For this installation, he plans to create a work that will entice the audience to navigate through a densely embellished tulle textile environment. As a point of artistic exploration, Daniel will use a programmable LED lighting system that can color-match the textiles in the installation. The experience will be aesthetically comparable to blossoming pink and fuchsia weeping willow canopies. [Nick Lesley](#) will provide a sonic contribution utilizing customized computer processing to create a continuously shifting harmonic balance to elicit a perception of tidal motion. Nick is a musician and media artist based in San Diego, Production Manager at San Diego Art Institute, and Executive Director of Space Time Art.

[Dina Apple](#) is a performer, choreographic improviser, and dance maker who enjoys collaborating with people of various expertise to create new performative works of art and to inspire harmonious ways of living. With every interaction, she learns more about herself, humans, and the world with which we are entangled. Her performance for this event is titled *Looming*: a live weaving and unraveling of dance, music, text, and costume; enacted by both the performers and the audience. In her performance, an intricately crocheted costume is slowly strewn out into its simplest form—lines—as it is pulled from the body of a dancer by the audience. Dina will also be presenting an immersive weblike installation, *Unspun: A Disclosure Enclosure*: Composed primarily of yarn, it can be inhabited comfortably by up to 6 people at a time. Its web-like structure holds a mystery only revealed when its inhabitants shine a light directly at the interior of its walls—hidden graphics and words are woven into the web in a light reflective thread.

[Dia Bassett](#) is an advocate for the arts through her work as an educator and curator of art exhibitions independently. She has chosen to engage her community by utilizing the power of social media, and presenting distorted and erratic large-scale sculptural installations. Using a fantastical style, her

vision for the Gala includes five performers who will use contemporary ballet fused with other dance forms in improvisational 2-minute intervals overlapping one another. Her performance will be geared towards capturing the essence of feminine delicateness, grace, vulnerability, power, and uniqueness.

[Dragonfly Alchemy](#) is an open source secret society committed to building a community of inquiry that is dedicated to alchemical learning and spiritual growth. This organization provides mind-altering audio and visual entrainment and entrancement as tools of transformation and personal growth. Their goal also to create and hold space for alchemists and magicians to gather, to consciously co-create and participate in the birthing of new realities. This event's virtual reality room will incapsulate a multi-sensory and multidimensional experience that guides guests on a journey beyond the limitations of their perspectives — culminating in a pastry-filled Mad Hatter Tea Party.

[Sarah Stieber](#) is a contemporary artist whose style of electric realism is a stunning amplification of real life, using a bejeweled palette of brilliant hues and evocative energy to explore a spirited reality. Stieber's artistic talent flourished at a young age, winning her national art competitions as a child. Her photo station, co-created by Theresa Finch will be composed of a huge colorful painting that comes to life in ribbons. This installation celebrates the female capacity for self-knowledge, resilience, and greatness.

[Zuzor](#) is an Experience-Driven Digital company with a proprietary system that generates interactive graphics in real-time, from movement. They specialize in making memorable experiences for viewers by making the displays free-body interactive. This beautiful motion-generated audio-visual environment will capture guests' movements and retranslate them into bizarre and wonderful imagery.

[The San Diego Underground Film Festival](#) is an artist-run non-profit organization that promotes the experimentation in video, film, and audio based mediums. They strive to advance the arts in San Diego by the practice, knowledge, and appreciation of visual arts and film. The SDUFF showcases local and international works, igniting the ability to expand the city's scope and cultivate a supportive community for the exhibition of innovative art. For this event they will be curating mesmerizing overhead visuals for guests to enjoy as they wander through the space.

[Fashion Week San Diego](#) is a traditional fashion week that focuses on emerging designers from around the world, all while still highlighting the fashion and beauty industry in the San Diego community. It is the only bi-national fashion week in the world and has a full year of promotions for

designers, pre-events and workshops. Guests will enjoy a fearlessly inventive fashion show featuring FWSD17 Designers: [Territa Torres](#), [BJASHI](#), [Kheir Sannai](#), [Taylor Whipp](#), [Haus of K2](#), and [Baza](#).

**ABOUT PARK6:** This event takes place in a historic 18,000 sq. ft Art Deco building constructed in 1920. The layout restricts ADA access to certain areas of the building somewhat. If you need to be accommodated please contact us in advance of the event and we will do our best to make your experience as comfortable as possible. Thank you for your understanding!

**LOCATION and PARKING INFORMATION:** Park6 event space is located at [590 Fir Street, San Diego, CA, 92101](#). **PARKING:** Ample street parking is available most evenings in this area of Banker's Hill. Yellow and green curbs and most metered spots are free after 6 p.m. **Please read all street signs carefully before deciding where to park.**

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

**SOCIAL MEDIA:** Please tag us #avantgardegala during the evening to share your experience! Instagram: [@vanguardculture](#) Facebook: [@CulturallySavvy](#) Twitter: [@vanguardculture](#) *Don't know what to wear?* Visit our Look Book on [Pinterest](#) for costume ideas.

**ABOUT VANGUARD CULTURE:** Vanguard Culture is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization designed for culturally savvy, socially conscious individuals. We provide [quality arts journalism](#) and weekly curated snapshots of San Diego's best, most exciting and unique cultural and culinary events. We also host [innovative cultural events](#) throughout San Diego County that aim to create arts jobs, bring diverse communities together, and [inspire creative collaboration](#) among all genres of the visual, performing and culinary arts.

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