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**THE EDGE: A NIGHT OF ARTISTRY - SAN DIEGO MUSIC AWARD  
WINNERS MERGE CONTRASTING MUSIC STYLES**

***WEST COAST JAZZ ICON GILBERT CASTELLANOS AND LOCAL AMERICANA  
BAND “THE MIDNIGHT PINE” STEP OUT OF THEIR NORM –  
AND ONTO THE EDGE OF SOMETHING NEW.***

SAN DIEGO, CA (April 15, 2019) What happens when two of Southern California’s hottest bands from contrasting genres musically merge? Jazz icon [Gilbert Castellanos](#), in partnership with [Vanguard Culture](#), presents “[The Edge](#),” an incredible musical journey that merges the virtuosity of an award-winning trumpeter with the unique style of Americana band, “[The Midnight Pine](#).”

Be there when two powerhouse [San Diego Music Award](#) winners step out of their comfort zones and onto the edge of something new. The event will take place on Saturday, May 11, 2019, from 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. at Bread & Salt (1955 Julian Ave., San Diego, CA 92113). Tickets range from \$15.00 - \$50.00 and include delicious bites and one craft cocktail.

The night includes a mini “Art Meets Jazz” pop-up exhibit featuring works by regional visual artists who are capturing the Southern California jazz scene first-hand. The current art show in Vanguard Culture Headquarters Gallery, “Improvising the Moment” by legendary 1970’s musician, visual artist, and proprietor of Croce’s Restaurant & Jazz Bar, [Ingrid Croce](#), will also be open to the public. Guests will also have an opportunity to meet the artists and mingle with other music enthusiasts while sipping craft cocktails and enjoying delicious bites curated by Vanguard Culture Culinary Director Chef Daniella de la Puente.

Gilbert Castellanos is an award-winning trumpeter, jazz series Curator for the San Diego Symphony and San Diego Museum of Art; current member of the prestigious Clayton-Hamilton Jazz Orchestra; Young Lions Jazz Conservatory founder and respected music educator. He has performed with celebrated musicians such as

Michael Bubl , Diana Krall, Luis Miguel, and Willie Nelson. He is deeply committed to “keeping jazz alive.”

“I’m very grateful for what we have here - the most unbelievable music community. It’s not even a music community, it’s a family,” stated Castellanos. “And that’s something I’ve never experienced anywhere else. I’m very proud to be a part of it, and I take it very seriously. As long as I’m alive I’m going to do everything possible to keep the music thriving in this community. Collaborating with arts and cultural organizations is one way to do it. Collaboration with other musicians is another...and artists outside the jazz genre? I’m excited to do what I do and introduce jazz to a new audience! I’m looking forward to performing with The Midnight Pine - one of my favorite San Diego bands. We might seem completely different. But that’s where improvisation comes in from the jazz side...we’re going to be building bridges musically that night.”

The Midnight Pine is one of the city’s top bands. Their musical mix of soul and country has given them a unique sound resulting in two San Diego Music Awards, in 2012 and 2014.

“We are honored to collaborate with Gilbert Castellanos,” stated Al Howard, the band’s percussionist, lyricist, and producer. “Even though our music sounds different, they are both uniquely rooted in an American experience. There’s a historical context to both genres and though one isn’t always lyrical, there’s a storytelling aspect to both. Evolution comes from fusion. When divergent elements collide, the most benevolent result is something fresh and new. And that’s the goal of any well intended musician, to create something yet to be heard.”

“It’s exciting to partner with these powerhouse musicians and artists on an event that encourages creative collaboration. By providing opportunities for both attendees and creatives to engage in meaningful ways, we invite guests to step outside of their comfort zone and experience new levels of artistry,” stated Vanguard Culture Founder and Executive Director Susanna Peredo Swap.

**DATE/TIME:**

Saturday, May 11, 2019 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

**EVENT:**

*THE EDGE*- A night of artistry between two San Diego Music Award Winners from contrasting musical genres: Gilbert Castellanos and The Midnight Pine.

**LOCATION:**

Bread & Salt  
1955 Julian Ave  
San Diego, CA 92113

**PHOTOS:**

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**ABOUT VANGUARD CULTURE:** Vanguard Culture is an inclusive nonprofit dedicated to advancing San Diego's Creative Industries. We provide quality arts journalism, industry mixers, public events, and professional development that 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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