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Downtown Burbank Arts Festival to Return April 29 and 30, 2017

2-Day Outdoor Festival to Feature 200 Artists, World Famous Animators, Interactive Experiences, Special Appearances, and More.

Presented by Downtown Burbank Partnership, West Coast Artists, and the Creative Talent Network.

BURBANK, Calif. — Returning for its 14th year, the Downtown Burbank Arts Festival will present two days of culture for art lovers, animation fans, and event enthusiasts on four blocks of San Fernando Boulevard between Angeleno Avenue and Magnolia Boulevard, Saturday and Sunday, April 29 and 30 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The event is free and open to the public.

Featuring a unique blend of more than 200 original fine artists and world famous animators whose work is found among the highest grossing animated films of all time, the Downtown Burbank Arts Festival has grown into one of the largest free art events in the region. Annually attracting more than 20,000 attendees, children and parents alike are invited to experience the creative process, mingle with artists, and browse more than 400 shops and restaurants in Downtown Burbank.

The Creative Talent Network (CTN) will be presenting the CTN Road Trip, with top storytellers, illustrators, character designers, and storyboard artists from the Burbank animation community. Offering a rare opportunity to purchase artwork and interact with top animation artists, CTN will also host Sketch FEVER with two drawing stages where participants will sketch costumed models (open to all, 12 years and older). In addition, there will be the return of the popular "Doodle Run" with the theme of "Project Neverland," where participants will seek out and meet animators, and receive a special "doodle" from each one. Once completed, there will be a raffle for a chance to win prizes. Every participant will be able to keep their Doodle Art as a souvenir, and will be given one free CTN Animation Expo sketchbook program upon completion. For a complete list of more than 85 CTN artists participating in the festival, please visit <http://ctnroadtripburbank.com/axParticipants.php>

Actor and comedian Joe Nipote will be signing and selling his children's book, *Eggy Yolk and the Dirty Rotten Dozen*. Children will be inspired, encouraged, and entertained by this story about the citizens of Eggville, where life is generally sunny-side-up.

Join **Walt Disney Animator Benson Shum** for a reading and a signing of the latest release from the Walt Disney Animation Studios Artist Showcase "Holly's Day at the Pool." Age range 8-12. Benson Shum is an animator at the Walt Disney Animation Studios and has worked on films such as *Frozen*, *Big Hero 6*, *Zootopia*, and *Moana*. Sunday 1:30 PM in booth C-27 by Gordon Biersch.

In addition to meeting famous animators and talking to artists face-to-face, the Downtown Burbank Arts Festival will offer the perfect opportunity to experience Downtown's newest eateries including Chronic Tacos, Guisados, H2O Poke & Fish Grill, The Carving Board, Urban Press Winery, and more. With Burbank Town Center's exciting \$65 million renovation scheduled to be completed in November 2017, dramatic changes are underway in Downtown Burbank.

For up-to-date information about special appearances and new events being added to the Downtown Burbank Arts Festival, the public is asked to please visit www.DTNBUR.com or call 818.238.5180.

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