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# Getting to know five ArtWalk standouts

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Andy Anh Ha's "Line." Courtesy photo

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Because the free outdoor festival features more than 750 artists showing everything from photography and ceramics to jewelry design and watercolor, finding something you like can be overwhelming.

We've selected five standout artists whose work you can see at this year's 28th annual festival, which also features music, dance, art workshops for kids, food booths and more. They tell us what goes into creating their work as well as what inspires them.

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**Tickets:** Free

**Phone:** (619) 615-1090

**Online:** [missionfederalartwalk.org](http://missionfederalartwalk.org)  
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**Maps:** Free maps will be distributed at the ArtWalk, and it can also be found online.

## Andy Anh Ha

The Los Angeles-based fine artist creates modernistic paintings on handmade wood panel boxes. His pieces can be seen hanging in department stores and in the background of TV shows, including “True Blood.”

**Q: Please describe your art in one sentence.**

A: Simple but bold, modern yet traditional.

**Q: What do you listen to when you're creating something?**

A: I don't paint if I don't have music involved. Rhythm gets my emotions going, and it shows itself throughout my artwork.



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**Q: If you could own any piece of art, what would it be?**

The work of Andy Anh Ha  
*Courtesy photo*

A: In my mind, it's considered art ... the first and original Rubik's Cube. And if I'm ever fortunate enough, Basquiat, any of his works.

**Q: What's the most inspiring thing in your work space?**

A: A blank canvas. Completing a new piece of work is the most satisfying feeling I know.

*Anh Ha's work can be found at Booth 217.*

## Dorit Schwartz

A sculptor who works with stone, Las Vegas-based Schwartz creates unique pieces that are inspired by nature. Her latest sculptures are exclusively made in alabaster and wood.

**Q: What is the most powerful experience you had in a museum?**

A: Seeing the glass pyramid in the central courtyard of the Louvre museum was a very powerful experience for me. Seeing this modern piece of artwork in such a classical, historic building was so inspiring and defines how any type of artwork can be cohesive in sorts.



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The work of Dorit Schwartz  
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**Q: If you could own any piece of art what would it be?**

A: "Fireflower II," a sculpture by Pamela Soldwedel.

Q: How do you handle a rejection or setback?

A: I believe rejection or criticisms make you a better person by improving on any flaws.

**Q: The best city for creating is ...**

A: Sedona, Ariz.: The city with great power and inspiration.

*Schwartz's sculptures will be at Booth 121.*

### Susanne Slater

Slater creates watercolor pieces that capture San Diego's neighborhoods and streets. She's a member of Balboa Park's Spanish Village Art Center and is a featured artist at this year's ArtWalk.

**Q: Please describe your art in one sentence.**

A: My watercolors are loose, with vibrant fresh colors.

**Q: What do you find beautiful that most people do not?**

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