

Second annual ARTventure adds a Veterans Day touch and expands to multiple venues

The City of Costa Mesa's second annual juried art exhibition, ARTventure, this year will feature a special tribute to coincide with Veterans Day, offering up free photographic portraits to those who served in the military.

ARTventure, which opens on Nov. 11 and runs through Nov. 13, is a fusion of art and entertainment that has expanded to two local venues at SoCo, Cisco Home and the Design Within Reach showrooms.

The Faces of Freedom project, which is run by photographer Jon Haverstick, will be on display during the ARTventure exhibit and veterans who attend on Saturday Nov. 12 can be photographed and become part of the exhibit.

"The Faces of Freedom Project is an ongoing effort to say 'Thank You' to the men and women of our military through the medium of portraiture," Haverstick said in a statement. "It features elegant black and white portraits of many of the patriots I've been privileged to meet over the past few years through a number of veteran outreach events. Some are people you know. Some are homeless. Some have passed away since their portraits were made for this project. All have sacrificed for my freedoms."

For the event, art is carefully paired with furniture, fixtures, and interior design elements, along with live entertainment featuring musical, theatrical, literary and culinary forms to heighten the artistic experience.



The event will begin with an opening reception and Awards Ceremony from 5:30 to 9 p.m. and that will include hors d'oeuvres and beverages and live musical performances.

Saturday's festivities begin at 10 a.m. and run to 5 p.m. and will include a pottery demonstration by Costa Mesa High School students. Sunday's events begin at 11 a.m. and run through 3 p.m. with a performance by the All American Boys Chorus to culminate the event.

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