

MOVERS + SHAKERS

Moonlight's new managing director; more career news

Mike Bradford is the new managing director at the City of Vista's Moonlight Amphitheatre, after stepping into the role Aug. 10. Bradford, a Vista native, has been an active part of the Moonlight for many years, working in technical production for the past three years, including two as acting director. He comes to his new role from the Moonlight Cultural Foundation (MCF), where for the past 14

years he served as director of arts education and producer of Moonlight Youth Theatre (MYT). "Growing up in Vista, Moonlight has been the theater home for myself and my family for many years," Bradford said. "I'm honored to continue building and strengthening the impact that the Moonlight has on our community." As managing director, Bradford will oversee Moonlight's business and administrative functions and work with Producing Artistic Director



Mike Bradford

Steven Glaudini to shape the vision and future of the company. Most exciting thing about his new role: "(I love) standing at the back of the amphitheatre and watching people enjoy the magic of the Moonlight with family and friends. After such a long period of time where access to the arts was limited, to be able to provide a beautiful venue for our community to come together is so important... I get to see the joy on people's faces when they experience a live event." One thing he has learned in the past year: "To effectively provide programming in the arts, you sometimes need to color outside the lines. The pandemic has forced us to be incredibly creative and

view what we do and how we do it through a different lens. I view this as a positive because new challenges provide for new opportunities." One piece of career advice or encouragement for others: "(This advice) spills helpfully into my personal life: Always assume positive intent. Choose to believe the best of people and trust that they have good intentions. It's true that sometimes, people will disappoint you, but when you assume good intent, you'll find that most people rise to your expectations."

Other notable career moves
Jason Sobieski is starting a

new position as senior vice president of corporate and institutional banking at PNC. **Jessica Cvetic** is the new co-owner of Citrus Aesthetics, PC—a medical aesthetics clinic in San Diego. **Kayla Porter** has started a new job as a digital marketing manager at Better Buzz Coffee. **Antonio Mustico** has joined Feeding San Diego as a graphic design and production coordinator. **Kimani Velez** started a new job as residential counselor at The San Diego LGBT Community Center.

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EVENTS + ACTIVITIES

Art, Greek fete and mental health festival are uplifting events ahead

Several unique events are happening around the San Diego region this week, and each offers a different way to refresh the mind and spirit and connect with the community:

Cardiff Greek Festival returns to San Diego

The 42 annual Cardiff Greek Festival will return to Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church on Sept. 10-11 with family-friendly activities, Greek delicacies, a traditional bazaar, a contest with a \$20,000 cash prize, tours of the stunning church and more. Food is always a highlight of this popular festival, with authentic cuisine ranging from Greek-style roasted lamb shanks and souvlaki (shish-kabobs) to vegetarian options including tiropitas (cheese triangles in filo), spanakopita (spinach pie), and feta fries. Greek-specialty coffee and desserts, including frappes and baklava sundaes, will also be available. The Olympians, a Greek band from Southern California will perform and members from the

parish perform folk dances wearing traditional costumes. The festival is from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11 on the church campus at 3459 Manchester Ave. Admission is \$3 and children under the age of 12, active members in the military, police and firefighters can enter for free with a valid ID. Free parking will be available at MiraCosta College's San Elijo campus. Visit cardiffgreekfest.com.

Free mental health festival offers education, support

Change Your Mind, a mental health festival put on by Interfaith Community Services, will offer a full day of workshops, panels and breakout sessions from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday at the Viasat campus, 2456 Town Garden Road in Carlsbad. Free and open to all ages, the event is intended to foster knowledge and support for mental health and wellness through activities including live music, dance performances, yoga, guided meditation and conversations about



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belonging, de-stigmatizing mental health, tools to survive and thrive and healing through the arts. Visit interfaithservices.org/change/.

SD Arts Festival showcases great works for great cause

The San Diego Festival of Arts will return to the San Diego Surf Sports Park on Sept. 10-11 for a 21-and-older celebration of fine art, along with live music, games

and amazing cuisine for every palate. Now in its 36th year, the festival is a prestigious juried show that features the works of more than 160 artists including paintings, sculptures, photos, jewelry, ceramics, mixed-media pieces and more. Proceeds from the ticket sales, silent auction, and wine and beer sales will go towards local adaptive sports programs supporting thousands of San Diegans with disabilities.

Parking is \$12 and tickets start at \$13 and go up to \$15 the day of the event. More at sdfestivalofthearts.org/tickets.

Art San Diego offers immersive art experience

An amazing array of contemporary and modern art will be on display next weekend at Art San Diego, Sept. 9-11 at the San Diego Convention Center. The 14th annual event will showcase local, national and international galleries, independent artists, fine art photographers and designers along with special activities, live entertainment and more. Art San Diego also brings the community together through its Access to Art Program, which works with selected charities and their clients to share opportunities in art, design, business development and more. This year's event will benefit Monarch School, Humble Design and ArtReach all working in partnership with Liberty Station Arts District. Advance general admission tickets for Art San Diego are \$20, or \$30 for a three-day pass. Visit redwoodartgroup.com/art-san-diego/.

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