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To: Local Media and Isla Vista Stakeholders

From: Isla Vista Recreation & Park District

PRESS RELEASE: IVRPD, TQComm, Arts Fund SB Celebrate UCSB Pride Week and LGBTQIA+ Community with Debut of “Art in the Park” Event

Isla Vista, CA – Isla Vista Recreation & Park District (IVRPD) is proud to announce that in recognition of Pride Week, it will be partnering with the UCSB AS Trans & Queer Commission and the Arts Fund of Santa Barbara to host the first-ever “Art in the Park” event, celebrating the vibrancy of LGBTQIA+ lives, identities, and communities through public art.

As part of TQComm’s Queerfest celebration during UCSB Pride Week 2023, “Art in the Park” will showcase Queer artists and their talents to help foster a sense of collective community building and solidarity. The event will feature more than a dozen LGBTQIA+ small business artists promoting and selling their art, arts and crafts ranging from succulent flowerpot decorating to T-shirt tie-dyeing, tabling organizations such as Gauchos for Recovery and the UCSB Resource Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity, and live music performances by the artist REDD and the band Lemon Generation. IVRPD will also unveil a Pride Week mural, commemorated with the theme “The Future is Queer,” that will become a permanent fixture of the park.

“The Trans and Queer Commission at UCSB is so grateful to have such a welcoming community to celebrate Pride Week with! We thank everyone for their continued support and acceptance!” said Isabella Ramirez, Pride Week Coordinator for UCSB.

“The Arts Fund was so excited to be part of this event. It is always energizing to work with organizations like TQComm and IVRPD to bring a vision to life, and we were happy to support the search and selection of Dez Porter as the artist for the mural in Little Acorn Park. We can't wait to unveil Dez's piece at the Art in the Park event. It is a piece that adds to the vibrancy of our artistic community”.

“Parks and art are for everyone—what a magic combination of two joys of life that I love,” said Santa Barbara County Second District Supervisor Laura Capps. “And that includes our LGBTQIA+ community. I am grateful to IVRPD’s approach to collaborate and bring in groups like Trans & Queer Commission and the Arts Fund for Santa Barbara for a lively community celebration.”

“This event is truly the first of its kind in Isla Vista and our District is honored to participating in this important community-building event that supports LGBTQIA+ artists and their talents, said IVRPD General Manager Kimberly Kiefer. “We hope everyone can join us!”

This free, outdoor event will take place on Monday, April 10, from 5pm-7pm in Little Acorn Park located at 901 Embarcadero Del Mar in Isla Vista, CA. Everyone is welcome. UCSB students may register on Shoreline at bit.ly/40aDjvk. IVRPD encourages guests to attend the event by bicycle, by skateboard, by foot, by bus—direct routes to the park include Santa Barbara MTD Lines 11, 15x, 25x, and 27—or by other means of alternative transportation. Guests may request ADA accommodations by emailing ivrpd@ivparks.org or by calling (805) 968-2017.

For questions or comments, please email Nicholas A. Norman at nnorman@ivparks.org or call (805) 350-8751.

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Event Timeline & Run-of-Show

5:00pm	Event begins with welcome speech and mural introduction
5:15pm – 6:00pm	REDD performs
6:10pm – 6:55pm	Lemon Generation performs
6:55pm	Event concludes with closing speech

Event Partners and Organizations

[UCSB AS Trans & Queer Commission \(TQComm\)](#): The A.S. Trans & Queer Commission shall serve as an educational and advocacy forum for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT), Queer, and Intersex (LGBTQI) student's rights, with a commitment to representing and improving the status of LGBTQI students on campus and in the community. The A.S. Trans & Queer Commission is working toward becoming a diverse group of members that increases awareness, educates, elicits appreciation, offers insights, towards the LGBTQI community at UCSB and also the Tri-County areas. The Commission will also work together with other campus and community groups to overcome problems such as homophobia, transphobia, biphobia and other forms of oppression. tqcomm@as.ucsb.edu

[Arts Fund of Santa Barbara \(Arts Fund SB\)](#): The mission of The Arts Fund is to create, fund and administer programs and projects that foster the arts for the people of Santa Barbara County; to act as a catalyst which maximizes the effectiveness of arts resources and to nurture collaborative relationships with other arts organizations.

info@artsfundsb.org

Artist Information

REDD: Discover on Spotify and on Instagram ([@prblmtic](#))

Lemon Generation: Discover on Spotify and on Instagram ([@lemongeneration](#))



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