



CITY OF DALY CITY

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**LIGHT UP OUR WORLD Festival will Light Up Daly City's Night on November 19, 2016**  
*An evening in celebration of the arts*

*Daly City, CA* – On the evening of Saturday, November 19, 2016, residents are invited to the City's first cultural arts festival hosted by the Daly City Arts and Culture Commission. To celebrate the arts, 1,000 free LED votive candles will be given out to attendees to participate in a public art performance. Collectively, all participants will gather together into the shape of a heart, symbolizing a love for the arts. The evening will also be filled with music, dance, art displays, photo booth, and many other hands-on art activities and performances from 5:00 – 9:30 pm. And street-food lovers will be able to enjoy local food trucks (fees apply). The candle light public art performance begins at 6:00 pm. Admission and all activities are FREE.

Mayor Sal Torres explains the importance of the evening festival, "The Light Up Our World Festival is Daly City's effort to connect its residents, schools, businesses, and government for an evening that celebrates the positive impact of art in our lives. The theme of light was chosen because it symbolizes enlightenment, creativity, joy, hope and unity – which inspires the artist in all of us. We look forward to our community coming together to celebrate art."

Popular local musical groups will be playing throughout the evening. The high energy of San Francisco State University Afro-Cuban Ensemble will kick off the event at 5:00 pm, followed by the creative international blend of ViBO Simfani at 7:00 pm.

SnapFiesta will host its photo booth, complete with funny props to help attendees create memories of the evening.

Not to be missed is Daly City's Firefighter, Ronnie Goo, who will use steel wool to create a spectacular fireball performance.

Talented Bay Area artists Aiqin Zhou and Nining Muir will provide calligraphy and print making art activities as part of the luminary lantern art activities. Some of their artwork will also be on display just for the event.

Youths are also vital contributors to the festival. City Manager Patricia Martel states, “We’re so excited to have artwork from Holy Angels School, and poetry from DeLue Clubhouse, Daly City’s Boys and Girls Club on exhibition in our Octagon Gallery. A very talented young singer from the ViBO Simfani Music School will also be performing an A cappella solo during the candle lighting. We are happy to show how each one of us is an artist, regardless of background or age. We can’t wait for the youths to show off their works to their family and friends.”

Jump Into Writing, who facilitated the poetry workshops for the youths, will also be leading hands-on activities for families to write their own poetic expressions during the event.

Daly City’s recently created Arts and Culture Commission is the organizer of the event. The Commission’s role is to support and advance arts and culture within the Daly City community. “Central to the event is when we distribute the candles and arrange everyone in the shape of a heart. It’s a magical moment when we all know that we will stand together for art - for artistic expression, for arts education, for art appreciation and enjoyment – it is one of the greatest freedoms we have in this country,” states Pauline Fong-Martinez, Chair of the Arts and Culture Commission. “We want everyone in the Bay Area to pick up a candle and stand with us.”

We thank the following partners for their commitment to arts excellence: Aiqin Zhou Calligrapher & Painter, Daly City City Council, Daly City Fire Fighters’ Union LU 1879, Daly City Library and Recreation, Daly City Public Library Associates, DeLue Clubhouse Daly City Boys and Girls Clubs, Green Development Sustainable Technologies Alliance (GDSTA, LLC), Holy Angels School, Jefferson Elementary School District, Jefferson High School, JUMP Into Writing, Mission Fusion, Nining Muir, San Francisco State Afro-Cuban Ensemble, SnapFiesta Photobooth, ViBO Music School, and ViBO Simfani.

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For more information about the event, visit the Daly City Arts and Culture Commission's website at <http://dalycityarts.org> or call (650) 991-8127.

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