



## Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation

*El Presidio de Santa Bárbara SHP • Casa de la Guerra  
Santa Inés Mission Mills • Jimmy's Oriental Gardens*

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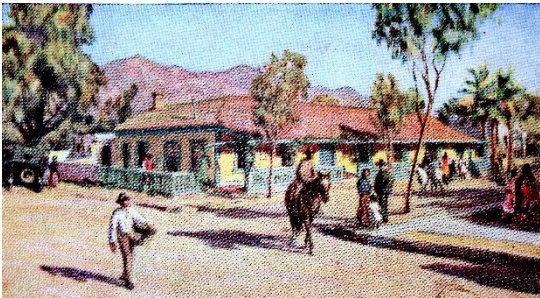
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### **SBTHP and SBSOA Celebrate the History and Legacy of the 1920s Santa Barbara School of the Arts**



(SANTA BARBARA, CA) – **Celebrate the history and legacy of the 1920s Santa Barbara School of the Arts at the Alhecama Theatre at El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park (215 A E. Canon Perdido Street), on Sunday, May 6, 2018, from 1 PM to 5 PM.** Founded in 1921, the School of the Arts featured renowned artists. Coursework including life drawing,

painting, architecture, bronze casting, ceramics, and performing arts attracting artists and performers from all over the world to visit, live, and study in scenic downtown Santa Barbara. While the Santa Barbara School of the Arts closed in 1938 due to the financial strains of the Great Depression, the site was later re-purposed for adult education and as the first location of Santa Barbara Junior College (which later became Santa Barbara City College). Today, the site and its buildings are a part of El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park.

This free public event will include tours, a short presentation, reception, and feature original artworks on display made by faculty and students at the school. We hope you will join us in appreciation of the legacy of Santa Barbara's arts community and help imagine a future for the School of the Arts.

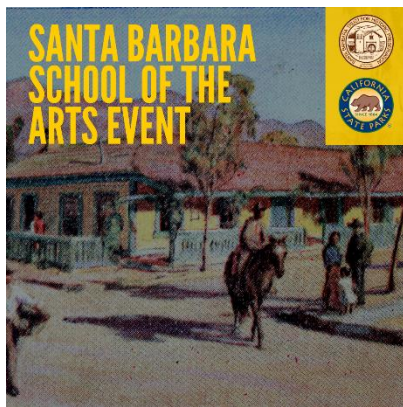
Artist Thomas Van Stein will give a short presentation about the history of the School, and members of the Peake, Knowles and Grant families, descendants of faculty at the school, will share their memories. Short guided area tours will include the School of the Arts campus and related sites in the Presidio Neighborhood including the nearby El Caserio collection of homes.

Original artworks will be displayed which were created by faculty and students at the school during its heyday (1920-1938). Featured artists include: Morley Fletcher, Channing Peake, Campbell Grant, Ed Borein, Fernand Lungren, Carl Oscar Borg, Richmond Kelsey, Ross Dickinson, Brett Moore, and Dudley Carpenter.

For more information, visit [www.sbthp.org](http://www.sbthp.org) or call the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation at (805) 965-0093.

This event is co-sponsored by the Santa Barbara School of the Arts.

## CALENDAR LISTING



### Santa Barbara School of the Arts Event

Join us for an afternoon celebrating the history and legacy of the 1920s Santa Barbara School of the Arts at its original location in El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park! This free public event will include tours, a short presentation, a reception, and feature original artworks on display made by faculty and students at the school. We hope you will join us in appreciation of the legacy of Santa Barbara's arts community and help imagine a future for the School of the Arts.

DATE & TIME: Sunday, May 6, 2018, from 1 PM to 5 PM

LOCATION: The Alhecama Theatre at El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park

215 A E. Canon Perdido St, Santa Barbara

FREE Admission

For more information (805) 965-0093 or [www.sbthp.org](http://www.sbthp.org)

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**ABOUT Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP)**—For over fifty years the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) has worked to *protect, preserve, restore, reconstruct, and interpret historic sites in Santa Barbara County*. Founded in 1963 by Dr. Pearl Chase and other concerned community leaders, SBTHP operates El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park—Santa Barbara's 18<sup>th</sup>-century birthplace—under a unique agreement with California State Parks. The State has purchased the building that housed Jimmy's Oriental Gardens, providing an opportunity to interpret the history of Santa Barbara's Asian American community in the Presidio Neighborhood. SBTHP owns and operates Casa de la Guerra, the 1820s

home of Presidio *Comandante* José de la Guerra and his family; the restored home is now a museum featuring original furnishings and rotating exhibits. In 2009, SBTHP signed an agreement with State Parks to manage and develop the Santa Inés Mission Mills, located near the town of Solvang, as a future California State Park. In 2011, SBTHP was awarded the Trustees' Emeritus Award for Excellence in the Stewardship of Historic Sites by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. With the help of continuing education programs and exhibits, SBTHP strives to encourage community involvement and foster an appreciation for Santa Barbara County's distinctive history. **Learn more at [www.sbthp.org](http://www.sbthp.org).**