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New Village Arts Announces 25th Anniversary

SILVER GALA

**May 9th, 2026 at Scratch Media Honoring
Community Leaders of North County**

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Carlsbad, CA – New Village Arts (NVA), Carlsbad’s award-winning professional theatre company, is proud to announce its **25th Anniversary Silver Gala**, taking place on **Saturday, May 9, 2026 at Scratch Media in Carlsbad**. The milestone celebration will honor the artists, advocates, and community leaders who have helped shape New Village Arts over the past quarter century while raising vital support for the organization’s future.

Serving as **25th Anniversary Chair** is longtime supporter, and Board Secretary **Christa Meathe**, whose leadership and dedication reflect the spirit of the evening, celebrating bold vision, creative impact, and meaningful community investment.

“Being part of the New Village Arts 25th Anniversary Gala is an incredible honor. As someone who has lived and worked in this community for more than 13 years, I’ve seen firsthand how the performing arts spark connection, inspire inclusivity, and bring a sense of adventure to our shared story. The arts truly fill my soul, and supporting NVA’s mission reminds me just how much magic happens when a community comes together to celebrate creativity.” Christa Meathe, 25th Anniversary Gala Chair

For the first time ever, the Silver Gala will feature the presentation of several distinguished honors:

The Excellence in Philanthropy Award will be presented to **Judi Sheppard Missett & Jack Missett**, founders of Jazzercise, recognizing their outstanding commitment and lasting impact in supporting New Village Arts.



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The Founder's Award will be awarded to **Jordan Howlett**, social media creator and New Village Arts alum whose first professional job was with the organization. This award honors an individual who makes a difference by uplifting fellow artists, fostering community, and participating in the creation of art in its broadest form.

The Community Leadership Award will be presented to **Christine Davis** of the **Carlsbad Village Association**, recognizing an individual that has inspired action, created positive change, and improved the quality of life throughout Carlsbad.

In honor of its 25th Anniversary, we will also recognize a special group of **Changemakers of New Village Arts**: individuals in the community who are transforming Carlsbad through innovative business practices, deep community commitment, and meaningful investment in New Village Arts and the Carlsbad Village area.

These Changemakers will be officially announced at an **exclusive Changemakers Patron Event** on **March 5, 2026**, hosted at New Village Arts and attended by donors and VIP ticket purchasers. The honorees will be celebrated again during the Silver Gala on May 9 as part of the organization's year-long anniversary festivities.

For 25 years, New Village Arts has been dedicated to creating adventurous artistic experiences that awaken the human spirit and strengthen community. The **25th Anniversary Silver Gala** is both a celebration of that legacy and a bold step toward the future.

More details regarding tickets, sponsorship opportunities, and event programming can be found by [clicking here](#).

If you would like to make a difference at NVA by making a **financial commitment** in honor of the next 25 years or by becoming a **Gala Sponsor**, please contact: Trevor Rex at trevor@newvillagearts.org.

About New Village Arts

Celebrating 25 years of award-winning professional theatre and thriving education and outreach programs, New Village Arts (NVA) has truly become the cultural hub of North County San Diego. NVA attracts more than 30,000 patrons each year to experience professional theatre, music and art events in the heart of Carlsbad Village. In addition to full seasons of plays and musicals featuring some of the best artistic talent in Southern California, NVA hosts talkback discussions and other supplementary events designed to create conversation and cultivate community. The White Family Next Stage in the Dea Hurston New Village Arts Center presents a series of music, comedy, and improv events throughout the year. NVA offers robust theatre programs in partnership with local schools and strongly believes that



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theatre and arts experiences should be accessible to all people, becoming a recognized leader in equity, diversity, and inclusion in San Diego. NVA has been fortunate to receive support from the City of Carlsbad and other local businesses, who recognize the importance of a resident professional theatre company as a crucial component of an inclusive and creative community. In turn NVA prioritizes serving its community by presenting works that respect its diversity, engaging every citizen with relevant and inspiring stories.

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