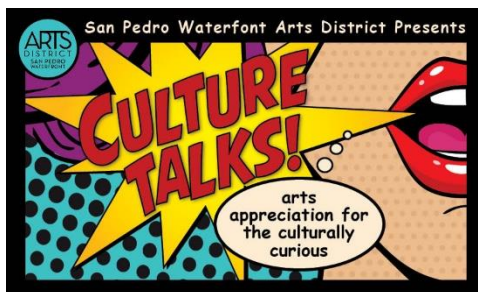


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San Pedro Waterfront Arts District presents:

## **Culture TALKS!**

an arts appreciation series for the culturally curious

**Gregorio Luke**

### **Pablo Neruda: Poet of Love and the Sea.**

**Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 1:00pm**

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium

3720 Stephen M. White Drive

San Pedro, CA 90731

San Pedro, CA – On Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the San Pedro Waterfront Arts District will re-launch its Arts Appreciation series by presenting distinguished lecturer, **Gregorio Luke**, in a talk about **Pablo Neruda: Poet of Love and the Sea**. The gathering will take place at the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, 3720 Stephen White Drive in San Pedro at 1pm.

**October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022, In-Person and Livestream tickets** for the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium are available here: <https://tinyurl.com/Gregorio-Luke>

The **Culture TALKS!** Series originally started in 2018 on Mexico's Independence Day, as an expression of our commitment to community arts education. These programs will seek common ground by engaging participants in conversations about culture and how the arts inspire empathy, understanding and identity.

This series is conceived to further establish the Arts District as a thought leader, inform the public of cultural equity issues and demonstrate the power of art to promulgate change. As we celebrate our diversity, we seek to enrich our collective sense of place, to unite us as a community. Speakers are selected based on their art and activism and will discuss how Los Angeles residents are rising to challenges, affecting not only artists, but the existence of healthy, sustainable, diverse communities.

**Culture TALKS!** (*In Person/Livestream*) Proposed schedule and prospective speakers, at the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium and KPPC:

- **Gregorio Luke**, former director of the Museum of Latin American Art and distinguished lecturer – *Pablo Neruda: Poet of Love and the Sea*.
- Composer, **Austin Wintry**, *Videogame Master Class* with small, live music ensemble
- **Richard Montoya**, *Culture Clash - How Laughter Can Inspire Empathy*, a community conversation via screening of CTG's *Chavez Ravine In 9 Innings (@ KPPC Crawford Family Form)*
- Collaboration with **Cornerstone Theater, Bruce A. Lemon** – a new play by Juliette Carrillo performed by Rancho San Pedro residents
- **Judith Teitelman**, author of *Guesthouse for Ganesha* and **Malathi Iyengar**, Rangoli Dance Company - a cultural conversation about survival and finding peace.

**About our October 9, 2022, Speaker: Gregorio Luke** (<https://www.gregorioluke.com/>) is an expert on Mexican and Latin American art and culture. He is the former Director of the Museum of Latin American Art, Consul of Cultural Affairs of Mexico in Los Angeles and the First Secretary of the embassy of Mexico in Washington D.C.

Mr. Luke has given over 1,000 Lectures in museums and universities in Mexico, Europe and the United States. He has spoken at institutions such as The Library of Congress, The Smithsonian Institution, the San Diego Art Museum, the Detroit Institute of Art, and universities such as Harvard, Columbia and Georgetown among others.

In 1995 he was conferred the Irving Leonard Award by the Hispanic Society of the Library of Congress. In 2005 The Ebell of Los Angeles honored him with the Life Achievement Award, 2006 he received the El Angel Award by the Bilingual Foundation of the Arts and in 2007 he was recognized by CATE (California Association of Teacher's in English) for promoting literacy in public schools. In 2008 he was recipient of the KCET Local Heroes Award.

**About our Topic: Pablo Neruda** (1904-1973) is considered Latin América's greatest poet. His life reads like an adventure novel. He lived in the Far East, Europe and the Américas, fought fascism, was persecuted for his leftist politics and crossed the Andes Mountains by foot escaping political persecution. In 1973 he won the Nobel Prize for literature. He died a few weeks after the military coup in Chile that deposed and murdered his close friend President Salvador Allende.

**About the San Pedro Waterfront Arts District:** (<http://sanpedrowaterfrontartsdistrict.com/>) – The mission of the San Pedro Waterfront Arts District is to support, advocate, and promote San Pedro arts and artists in all genres. We celebrate diversity and inspire appreciation of cultural and artistic expression.

San Pedro is home to over 90 visual artists, as well as 3 performing arts venues, art galleries and restaurants. The Arts District is anchored by the Warner Grand Theatre, a 1,500-seat historic art deco movie palace, the Little Fish Theatre, presenting repertory theater in a converted garage, the Grand Annex (a project of the Grand Vision Foundation), and the Loft Studios, a three-story warehouse with a concentration of fine artists. The Arts District's streets are lined with artists' live/workspaces and each month they open their doors to the FirstThursday ArtWalk, in operation since 1997. In 2017, San Pedro was designated as one of 14 California Cultural Districts by the Sacramento based California Arts Council.

The San Pedro Waterfront Arts District believes public art is a vital way to make art accessible and commissioned professional artists to paint 25 DOT utility boxes and 7 storm drains throughout San Pedro, along with three wall murals in the downtown core. In June 2019, the Arts District launched **Adventures in Public Art** - a six-week mural workshop program, designed to engage participants in public art projects, become more astute arts enthusiasts and to foster a sense of community ownership and inclusion.

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