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“BEAUTY AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT” TO BE DISCUSSED AT
MINGEI INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM

“Beauty and the Built Environment,” another in the series of Conversations on Beauty presented by the Ilan-Lael Art and Education Foundation, will take place Tuesday, October 12, 5:30-7:30 at Mingei International Museum. The Museum is a co-sponsor of this forum that will examine the concept of beauty and the impact it can have on the lives of people in the ways that they shape and are shaped by the built environment.

The moderator is Dirk Sutro, program promotion manager for UCSD’s music department, former host of The Lounge on KPBS- FM and author of two books on architecture. Panel members are Teddy Cruz, architect and professor in UCSD’s visual arts department; Andrew Spurlock, landscape architect; James Hubbell, artist and humanitarian and Richard Louv, journalist and author. The discussion is presented in association with The San Diego Museum of Art, La Jolla’s Athenaeum Music & Arts Library, SDAI Museum of the Living Artist and the Museum of Photographic Arts. Bread and Cie is the sponsor.

Admission at \$15 for the general public and \$10 for members of the sponsoring institutions is available in advance at www.mingei.org/cob. For information call 619-239-0003, extension 113.

Conversations on Beauty: Beauty for Change is a series of discussions that examine the meaning of beauty in people’s lives. The discussion on October 12 will explore beauty as an arbiter in the built environment from homes to workplaces, communities and hospitals. Panelists will consider such questions as, “What if beauty is an integral part of design; does it change what is built?”

James Hubbell, its founder says, “The Ilan-Lael Foundation is an arts education foundation celebrating nature and the aesthetic of the built environment for its ability to help us see ourselves and our world in new ways.” The foundation has built parks, schools, and public spaces of beauty and purpose providing the space to inspire and explore our humanity through art, nature, beauty, and relationships.

Located at 1439 El Prado in Balboa Park, Mingei International Museum is open Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m.– 4 p.m., and closed on Mondays and national holidays. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors and \$4 for students and active military with ID. For information, call 619-239-0003 or visit www.mingei.org.

Mingei International Museum exhibits folk art, craft and design from all eras and cultures of the world. Its museum – in Balboa Park– features Southern California’s largest and richest collection of mingei – art of the people.

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