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Sun Valley Youth Arts Center Opens in San Fernando Valley

Sun Valley—Councilman Tony Cárdenas and the City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs celebrate the grand opening of the Sun Valley Youth Arts Center, Saturday, November 18, 2006, beginning at 10:00am. An art workshop and refreshments will be provided. Musical performances by Music LA Student Jazz Group, the Oakwood Quartet, the Plaza de la Raza Beginning Mariachi Students, and the Ballet Folklorico will be featured. All activities are free and open to the public.

The Sun Valley Youth Arts Center is located at 8642 Sunland Blvd., Sun Valley, 91352. For more information, please call 818.252.4619.

ABOUT DCA

The Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) serves as a leader to generate and support high quality arts and cultural experiences for Los Angeles residents and visitors. DCA also advances the social and economic impact of the arts and assures access to arts and cultural experiences through grant making, marketing, public and community arts programming, arts education, and creating partnerships with artists and arts and cultural organizations in every community in the City of Los Angeles.

DCA grants \$3.4 million annually to over 300 artists and nonprofit arts organizations and awards the Artist-in-Residence (A.I.R.) and City of Los Angeles (C.O.L.A.) Individual Artist Fellowships. It provides arts and cultural programming in numerous Neighborhood Arts and Cultural Centers, theaters, and several arts and education programs for young people. The Department directs public art projects and manages the City's Arts Development Fee, Art Collection, and Murals Program. DCA markets the City's cultural events through development and collaboration with strategic partners, design and production of creative promotional materials, and management of the culturela.org website.

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