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**Rotaract's "Mingle at Mingei" to Benefit Children and the Arts**  
*Young San Diego Professionals Channel Socialization into a Philanthropic Cause*

**SAN DIEGO, Calif., (Oct. 2, 2008)** -The Rotaract Club of Downtown San Diego, a local young professional group, announced today that its upcoming international fundraiser, "Mingle at Mingei" will benefit Mingei International Museum's "Community Sunday" program. This event will be on Saturday, Nov. 1 at Mingei International Museum in Balboa Park.

The Community Sunday program aims to benefit underprivileged children and families of San Diego by bringing them to the museum at a discounted rate and to hold special events for children to get more involved with international art. 100 percent of the proceeds from Mingle at Mingei through tickets, raffle and silent auction profits will benefit this program.

The Mingle at Mingei event will include wine, beer and food tastings, raffle prizes, a silent auction and the opportunity to view two international art exhibits, these include;

- **Forms in Wooden Fiber Exhibit** will feature the work of six distinguished Southern Californian wood artists and California Fibers.
- **India Adorned Exhibit** will reveal the colorful diversity of Indian creative expression, presenting an evocative collection of works used in the daily routine of a typical Indian family.

"This program is an integral channel to educating young people about the gift of international art, creativity and culture," said Jessica Harris, president of the Rotaract Club of Downtown San Diego. "This is an excellent opportunity to directly give back to our community."

This will be the first-ever Mingle at Mingei hosted by the Rotaract Club of Downtown San Diego.

Director of Public Relations for Mingei International Museum, Martha Ehringer said, "We are delighted that the Rotaract Club of Downtown San Diego is supporting our current initiative. It's refreshing to see a generation of young leaders in our city work together to host an innovative social event to raise money, awareness, and resources for this program."

Mingle at Mingei will be from 7-10 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 1 at the Mingei International Museum in Balboa Park. Tickets are \$35 and available now by visiting, [www.sandiegorotaract.org/mingle/](http://www.sandiegorotaract.org/mingle/). Tickets will be \$45 at the door on the day of the event.

The sponsors for Mingle at Mingei include; Discover SD, The Pearl Hotel, The Firehouse Brewing Co., Hacienda de las Rosas Winery and HOPE Wine and Stone Brewing Co.

**About Rotaract Club of Downtown San Diego**

Established in 1994, the Rotaract Club of Downtown San Diego is a nonprofit organization that is a group of young professionals committed to personal and professional development and community service. The Rotaract Club of Downtown San Diego works under the guidance of the San Diego Breakfast Rotary and is an offshoot of Rotary International, and takes its name from the combination of ROTARY and ACTION. For more information visit, [www.sandiegorotaract.org](http://www.sandiegorotaract.org).

**Mingei International Museum**

Established in 1978, Mingei International Museum collects, conserves and exhibits these arts of daily use - by anonymous craftsmen of ancient times, from traditional cultures of past and present and by historical and contemporary designers. Mingei International's museums in Balboa Park, San Diego and in Downtown Escondido, California open a window on the great world, revealing similarities and distinctions of individuals and cultures in art of the people, and inspiring people to express their own innate creativity. [www.mingei.org](http://www.mingei.org)

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