



U.S.  
**SAND SCULPTING CHALLENGE**  
& dimensional art exposition

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Port of San Diego  
U.S. Sand Sculpting Challenge  
Returns to Downtown Waterfront  
on Labor Day weekend 2019

**San Diego, CA. (Feb 1, 2019)** – The U.S. Sand Sculpting Challenge and Dimensional Art Exposition will return to the Big Bay downtown for its 8<sup>th</sup> year, Aug. 31-Sept. 2, 2019. The signature event will again be located on the Port of San Diego’s beautiful Broadway Pier and Landing at the intersection of Broadway and Harbor Drive, just north of the U.S.S. Midway Museum.

The event was hailed as the Number 1 family activity in the U.S. by *CNN Travel* on the holiday weekend in 2018. It was listed as one of the top 20 seaside festivals in the world by *American Express* in the year 2017, and was given a 10Best accolade by *USA Today* in 2015.

By invitation only, many of the top sand sculptors in the world create 20 or more amazing works of art and compete for some \$60,000 in prize and appearance money, as well as, of course, their national pride. The museum-worthy sculptures are created from just sand and water, weigh about 10 tons each and can reach as high as 15 feet. They’re built under the 30 foot high ceiling of the Port Pavilion Building, shading both sculptors and patrons from the warm late summer sun.

Complementing the sand art are dimensional works in glass, acrylic, metal, wood, fabric and mixed media that patrons can peruse, purchase and take home. Juried artists from California and throughout the Southwest offer decorative items for home and garden and personal items like apparel and jewelry and more, all hand-made and one-of-a-kind.

Proceeds from the event support a number of kids educational charities in the San Diego area. More information is available at [www.USsandSculpting.com](http://www.USsandSculpting.com) and will be released as we get closer to event time.

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