

# IMPACT 2024

With another fruitful year in the books, Mingei is reflecting on its connections with artists, community, visitors, and supporters in 2024. From the gallery floor to the classroom and everywhere in between, the Museum has been a site to learn, gather, rest, and find inspiration. *Take a look at the many ways in which we celebrate creativity and share folk art, craft, and design!*

**2,184**  
MEMBERS

**SUPPORTED  
MINGEI**  
*[with 375+ new members!]*

OVER  
**160,000**  
VISITORS

**WELCOMED  
IN** to enjoy  
folk art, craft,  
and design.

**11** LOCAL  
ARTISTS led  
**1,129+**

**PARTICIPANTS**  
in art-making for all ages  
at our Family Sunday\*  
workshops, funded by  
the ResMed Foundation.



*\*In 2025, the program will be renamed **Make at Mingei!***

Shop Mingei featured  
**30 local artists, authors,  
and San Diego brands**

+ works from  
**32 COUNTRIES**  
+ over **21K+** handcrafted,  
recycled, upcycled, fair trade,  
ethically-produced items.



@lovechildkass

ART IS FOR ALL!  
**16,440+**  
**EBT CARD HOLDERS &  
FREE TUESDAY GUESTS**  
explored our exhibitions.



Did  
you  
know?

Through *Museums for All*, Mingei offers free admission for those who present an EBT, SNAP, or WIC card!

**16** | ARTIST WORKSHOPS

**20** | TALKS & CONVERSATIONS

**2,276** | ATTENDEES



**45+ LANGUAGES**  
are offered on the museum's *Free  
Digital Guide, Bloomberg Connects.*

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

This year, **Olivia Joseph** joined Mingei as a Quilt Research Fellow, a 14-month position made possible by support from the Terra Foundation for American Art.



**56**  
COUNTRIES  
REPRESENTED  
*in the gallery*

Mingei exhibitions seek to expand our worldviews and represent the diversity of our community.



Our art library now offers **12,000+ BOOKS & REFERENCE MATERIALS** available to all visitors.

**LIVING ARTISTS REPRESENTED**  
in 2024 EXHIBITIONS:

**91**



**3,500+**  
K-12 STUDENTS

visited from **39**  
San Diego County  
Schools.

**122 = 2,950+**  
VOLUNTEERS & DOCENTS  
HOURS given to  
the Mingei mission

**90+**  
EVENTS  
HOSTED



*with local organizations including:*

Camarada, Center for World Music, Art of Elan, SD Coalition for Reproductive Justice, ACLU, International Rescue Committee, Planned Parenthood, California Endowment, United Nations, Promises 2Kids, SD Hunger Coalition, Rady Children's Hospital



FUN FACT

**24,000+**

OBJECTS IN OUR COLLECTION were made by unidentified makers, true to the founding ideas of the Mingei movement, honoring "the unknown craftsman."

STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Facilities Director, **Maynard "Mayo" Mendoza** is stepping outside of his daily role to curate an exhibit on skateboards, *coming to Mingei in 2026!*

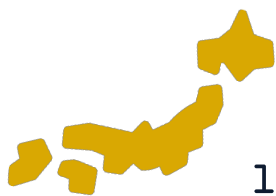
Investing  
in Artists

In 2024, the Museum purchased **10 artworks** from **7 living artists** from California to India.



Did you know?

Mingei lends its permanent collection objects to other institutions. In 2024 we lent objects to museums *as close as Fresno, CA and as far as Raleigh, NC.*



**FUN FACT**  
The furthest  
Mingei member  
lives in Japan!

Did  
you  
know?

The **Community Mondays** program shares Mingei's La Atalaya Theater, free of charge, with under-resourced arts and culture organizations, nonprofit community groups, and individual artists.

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MEMBER EXCURSIONS

131

MINGEI MEMBER TRAVELERS

DESTINATIONS INCLUDED: Oaxaca, Los Angeles, and Tijuana (Next year ... Japan!)

15

**NON-PROFITS** participated in Community Mondays, welcoming 1,130 of their supporters to Mingei.



The **MINGEI PASSPORT** provides an accessible, lower price point for year-round admission.



Mingei's *free and low-cost programming* is possible through generous grants and funding. *We are so grateful* to the organizations that help provide inclusive, accessible, art to the community. *Here are just a few!*



**J.P. MORGAN PRIVATE BANK**  
for the *LA FRONTERA* exhibition



**PATRONS OF THE PRADO** for *General Operations* and *Bucks4Buses* program



**PREBYS FOUNDATION** for *Community Programs*



**PRICE PHILANTHROPIES** for *School in the Park*



**RESMED FOUNDATION** for *Family Sunday*



**THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO COMMISSION FOR ARTS & CULTURE** for *General Operations* + *Bucks4Buses* program



**SAN DIEGO FOUNDATION** and **SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT** for *Level Up SD*



**US BANK** for *Historic Footprints: Native American Ledger Drawing from Fort Marion* [opening April 2025!]

**82 STUDENTS** enjoyed **Summer at Mingei**, a free camp experience, thanks to funding by Level Up SD and the San Diego Foundation.



**STAFF SPOTLIGHT**

Our beloved **Martha Ehringer** celebrated her 40th Mingei anniversary in 2024! As Museum Historian, she's an expert on all things Mingei.



thank you | gracias | arigatou  
merci | xièxiè | shukran | danke