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## **AQUARIUM OF THE PACIFIC'S 11TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF HUMAN ABILITIES FEATURES PERFORMANCES AND FREE ART CLASSES FOR EVERYONE**

***Celebrate the talents & creative spirit of people with disabilities at the Aquarium  
on the weekend of Jan. 25-26 and enjoy live music, dance, art, demonstrations, and more***

- WHAT:** At the Festival of Human Abilities guests, with or without a disability, can watch performances and learn unique adaptive skills taught by artists and other experts with disabilities. Also featured at the festival are hip hop wheelchair dance with Walk and Roll Dance Team; Love in Motion, a sign language choir; Dat Nguyen, a world music guitarist who is blind; Kodi Lee, a singer who is blind and has autism; ARC Handbell Choir; and other inspiring performing artists.
- Along with these music and dance performances, the Aquarium will feature local artisans, including mouth-stick art demonstrations, as well as storytellers and booths by various organizations featuring everything from art displays to games for people of all abilities. Cody Unser will lead adaptive SCUBA demonstrations to show that people of all abilities can enjoy this therapeutic sport.
- A variety of free creative workshop classes will be held on site, lasting thirty to forty-five minutes per session. These activities will include singing in sign language with Love in Motion, wheel chair art with artist Tommy Hollenstein, hat painting with Michael Seale Jr., and hip hop wheelchair dancing with the Walk and Roll Dance Team. All major programming will have sign language interpreters, and the Aquarium will provide audio tours for guests who are blind.
- HONOREE:** The honoree at this year's festival is Rancho Los Amigos Rehabilitation Center. The rehabilitation center has been dedicated to providing care that upholds the values of a patient-family focus, integrity, collaboration, and quality. Due to their work in restoring hope and life to those with disabilities, Rancho Los Amigos will receive the Aquarium's Glenn McIntyre Heritage Award on January 26, 2014 at 1:05 p.m. at the Honda Blue Cavern exhibit.
- WHEN:** **Saturday and Sunday, January 25-26, 2014, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.**
- WHERE:** **Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802**
- COST:** \$28.95 adult (12+), \$25.95 senior (62+), \$14.95 child (3-11), & free to kids 3 and under & members
- INFO:** (562) 590-3100 or [www.aquariumofpacific.org](http://www.aquariumofpacific.org)
- AQUARIUM:** The Aquarium of the Pacific, a nonprofit institution, is dedicated to conserving and building nature and nature's services by building the interactions between and among peoples. Beyond its animal exhibits, the Aquarium is a community gathering place where diverse cultures and the arts are celebrated and a place where important topics facing our planet are explored.