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## “Somos Locos” Art, Music, and Skate Extravaganza Hits Manhattan Beach

Iconic artists Chaz Bojórquez, Dave Tourjé, John Van Hamersveld, Norton Wisdom, and Gary Wong celebrate SoCal rebellion in style



Dave Tourjé, Chaz Bojórquez, John Van Hamersveld, Gary Wong, and Norton Wisdom

Embodying the vibrant, cutting-edge, and rebellious spirit of Los Angeles, the legendary Los Angeles artists Chaz Bojórquez, Dave Tourjé, John Van Hamersveld, Norton Wisdom, and Gary Wong, collectively known as the “California Locos,” will bring their new exhibition “Somos Locos” to the Manhattan Beach Art Center. The gallery exhibition will open Thursday, March 16, 2017, and there will be a free public reception on Saturday, March 18, 3–9pm that includes a live concert, skateboarding, a book signing, and more.

The California Locos' work has contributed significantly to forming the Southern California skate, surf, street, and music subcultures, communicating them to the world. Their imagery represents an important aspect of art and culture, and this takes on new levels of significance in the current context.

Gritty, real and determined, the Locos' work contrasts with the idea of a shiny L.A. art culture as the group brings its powerful punk aesthetic, high education background, and non-traditional artistic experience to an ever

It is in the midst of their remarkably vital tour complete with evolving exhibitions, new surprises, and unique cultural events that California Locos bring their "Somos Locos" event to the Manhattan Beach Art Center. The free public reception features live music from Steve Alba's PowerFlex 5, Charlie Chan and the SOBs, and Los Savages.

The event marks the release of a new Locos Dusters skateboard for longboard and street, designed by Duster's Creative Director Nano Nobrega. There will even be a Skate Spot Dedication and opening that features pro-skaters. In addition, there will be a book

signing for the new Locos hardcover book that includes essays by art

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# Somos Locos

CALIFORNIA LOCOS, THE FIVE PIONEERING L.A. ARTISTS BRING NEW WORKS, A NEW DUSTERS SKATEBOARD AND A HARDCOVER BOOK RELEASE AND SIGNING, "SOMOS LOCOS - THE STORY OF THE CALIFORNIA LOCOS", WITH ESSAYS BY SHANA NYS DAMBROT, G. JAMES DAICHENDT AND CHARLOTTE EYERMAN

CHAZ BOJÓRQUEZ  
DAVE TOURJÉ  
JOHN VAN HAMERSVELD  
NORTON WISDOM  
GARY WONG

1PM SKATE PARK OPENING | 3PM LIVE MUSIC - LOS SAVAGES, CHARLIE CHAN & THE SOBs, STEVE ALBA & POWERFLEX 5 | 6PM ART SHOW

Saturday March 18th  
Manhattan Beach Art Center  
1560 Manhattan Beach Blvd.  
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

CALIFORNIA "LOCOS"

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scholars Charlotte Eyerman and Jim Daichendt, as well as an introduction by art critic Shana Nys Dambrot.

The California Locos continue to inject artistic passion, enlightened precision, and rebellious attitude into their prescient, present and timeless pieces. In their own raw, real world way, California Locos remind us of who we are and inspire us to find the best in ourselves, in our culture, and in our indomitable spirit of artistry.