

## MEDIA ALERT

### The New Children's Museum Opens Public Art Installation Ceremonial Ribbon Cutting for Risa Puno's Play Structure *In the Balance*

The New Children's Museum will officially unveil its collaboration with New York artist Risa Puno on *In the Balance*, a path of intersecting wooden beams that challenges us to keep our balance. Her new project explores the myriad ways we are connected, made even more visible through our experience with Covid-19. The short-term installation is free for the public to experience in the Museum Park.

Puno is an interactive artist whose work examines invisible systems that guide human interaction. Puno's work embodies the spirit of *kapwa*: a Tagalog word used to describe one of the core beliefs of pre-colonial Filipino culture. [www.risapuno.com](http://www.risapuno.com)

WHO	The New Children's Museum
WHAT	Ribbon cutting/celebration of <i>In the Balance</i> by Risa Puno. Coffee and donuts.
WHERE	Museum Park, 200 W. Island Avenue (across from Museum) San Diego
WHEN	Friday, September 10, 8:45 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Brief remarks and ribbon cutting 9:00.
Note:	Puno is in New York and unavailable for the event. She will be represented by the Museum's exhibitions team. She is available for interviews separately by phone or zoom (upon request)

#### Useful links and images

- o Museum website: <https://thinkplaycreate.org/explore/art-installations/in-the-balance/>
- o Risa Puno Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/risapuno/?hl=en>
- o Risa Puno headshot (attached)
- o Risa Puno presentation (attached)
- o Risa Puno Artist Talk <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Gdu6eeUn8I&feature=youtu.be>