



## Studio 200

NOVEMBER 6 | THE NEW CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

The New Children's Museum is welcoming back its annual Studio 200 benefit, this year titled "Be the Art." Each year for Studio 200, the museum transforms its multi-level space into a vibrant party atmosphere to raise funds for its access programs. Costumes are a hallmark of the museum's galas, but for "Be the Art," there's a twist: Acknowledging our collective reemergence back into society, guests will come as a blank canvas (i.e. all white or solid color) and be transformed colorfully and artistically throughout the evening. Attendees will have the opportunity to add color to their costume and transform themselves — how colorful and creative is really up to them. Gala guests can also play in the museum's immersive art installations. New this year will be the opportunity to slide down the 40-foot slide of *El Más Allá* (by artist Panca) and walk on *In the Balance* (by artist Risa Puno), an interlaced structure of balance beams in the Museum Park. Co-chairs are Ed and Taryn Gillison. [thinkplaycreate.org/be-the-art](http://thinkplaycreate.org/be-the-art)

RIVER VALLEY FEST: PHOTO BY JENNIFER NELSON

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River Valley Fest is San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy's major fundraising event of the year. This year's event, themed "We're Building Bridges," is a hybrid (in-person and virtual livestream) experience. River Valley Fest will celebrate the conservancy's accomplishments and will feature live music by Hot Rocks San Diego, cocktails and appetizers, a silent auction, gourmet dinner, special programming, and exciting announcements. SDRVC will be streaming the event live for those who wish to participate in the festivities at home. A delicious take-home meal is available to purchase for virtual gala guests. [sdrvc.org/2021-river-valley-fest](http://sdrvc.org/2021-river-valley-fest)



Trish Boaz, Jim Neri, Joby Bakken, Laura Leet, and Pamela Cabanillas



Robert Kolker

## Vista Hill Council on Mental Health Luncheon

NOVEMBER 12 | TOWN AND COUNTRY RESORT

The Vista Hill Council on Mental Health Luncheon will feature speaker Robert Kolker, author of *Hidden Valley Road*, an instant #1 *New York Times* bestseller and selection of Oprah's Book Club. His previous work includes *Lost Girls*, also a *New York Times* bestseller and *NYT* Notable Book, and one of *Slate's* best nonfiction books of the quarter century. In *Hidden Valley Road*, Kolker tells the true story of one extraordinary family with 12 children, six of them diagnosed with schizophrenia, that became science's great hope in understanding this disease. At the event, he will discuss how this story sheds light on many of the crucial issues that families with mental illness still face today. Luncheon chair Ellen Moxham, PhD and her committee will lend their support to raise vital funds to support Vista Hill's programs and to bring awareness in the areas of intellectual and developmental disabilities, mental illness, and substance use disorders. 858.514.5155 [jcairncross@vistahill.org](mailto:jcairncross@vistahill.org)