



## Social Statement Denim Art Show

Sexual Assault  
Awareness Month



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**April 28<sup>th</sup>**

Opening Reception 2pm-4pm

Event 5pm-8pm

### **Collaboration between WRC & BackFence Society Press Release**

110 South Citrus Avenue

Vista, CA 92084

This art show is a collaboration by WRC and BackFence Society, it was inspired by the constant and current bravery of women and men coming forward sharing their stories as survivors of sexual assault and harassment. The art featured in this show has been created by survivors, advocates, employees, and in honor of our clients to share our voices bringing understanding and attention to Sexual Assault Awareness month. All art in this show will be done on or with denim as a tribute to the case that garnered world attention. On April 25<sup>th</sup>, 1998 the Italian Supreme Court overturned a rape conviction because the justices felt that since the victim was wearing tight jeans she must have helped her rapist remove her jeans, thereby implying consent. The following day, the women in the Italian Parliament came to work wearing jeans in solidarity with the victim. Every April 25<sup>th</sup> people across the globe wear denim to voice their outrage and support for survivors of sexual assault. The art will be auctioned off during the show to benefit WRC with 10% to BackFence Society.

WRC is a recognized leader in providing quality, compassionate, innovative services to families affected by domestic violence and sexual assault. Through WRC's education of future generations, victim empowerment and community awareness, we will create an environment where domestic violence are neither tolerated nor accepted. We invite you to be a part of that

future! We believe **ALL** people deserve to live a life free from the crimes of domestic violence and sexual assault.

With the ever changing climate surrounding sexual assault and sexual harassment WRC wanted to partner with a local gallery to shed light on the power of individual's stories. We have all witnessed how "Your Voice Has Power" and hope this event will encourage more survivors to feel supported, create social change and provide a platform for artists to share their experiences of survival in San Diego. So many people have recently created true change through their willingness to come forward and this art show provides another safe space for a narrative around sexual assault and harassment. We look forward to all ages attending this event, children are welcome.



Amandalynn is a San Francisco based Muralist, Fine Art, Conservator and Art Director. Inspired by the female form and spirit, Amandalynn depicts strong, seductive women and illustrates their strength through line work and decorative patterning.

She has been a supporter of WRC in the past and is currently creating the above piece for this show. Her work will be available in our silent auction where all the proceeds go to WRC.

**To attend this event contact:**

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There will be staff and artists available for interviews and comments. We look forward to working together and hope to see you there!

