



Art in Action Honors Renowned LEGO® Brick Artist Nathan Sawaya at OBJECT:ART Gala on March 23

*THE ART OF THE BRICK Artist to Receive
the Organization's **Art Visionary Award** for His Leadership in
Arts Education Advocacy*

MENLO PARK, CA, February 15, 2017 - Creator of THE ART OF THE BRICK and renowned LEGO® brick artist Nathan Sawaya, the first to utilize the toy as an art medium, has been selected to receive the [Art in Action Art Visionary Award](#) given in recognition of his work as an artist, arts education advocate and founder of Art Revolution.

[Art in Action](#), a national nonprofit that believes every child deserves art, created the award to honor an individual who inspires a culture of art in our society. The **Art in Action Art Visionary Award** will be presented to Sawaya, who will be on hand to accept the honor, at the Art in Action's annual benefit, **OBJECT:ART** on March 23, 2017, being held at the Computer History Museum in Mountain View, CA.

"Art is not optional," said Sawaya. It's as important as breathing and eating. Creating art, out of any medium, makes us happier, healthier and smarter." Sawaya founded [Art Revolution](#) for the purpose of making art a priority in our schools and in our homes. He is the author of two best-selling books and his touring exhibition, THE ART OF THE BRICK, opens at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry in Portland on February 17, 2017.

[Nathan Sawaya's](#) artwork has grabbed the attention of art critics and pop culture novices alike. Shown in major art institutions throughout the world, his artwork is held in both prominent, private and public collections. Previously a NYC corporate lawyer, Sawaya's contemporary pieces are both beautiful and playful as he meticulously and thoroughly designs and places each brick to transform the pieces into works of art. His devotion to scale and color perfection while incorporating the way he conceptualizes the action of the subject matter, enables him to elevate the world's most popular toy to the status of fine art. Rated by CNN as one of the world's "Must See Exhibitions," his global touring exhibition, THE ART OF THE BRICK continues to inspire creativity as well as break attendance records globally.

OBJECT:ART will take place at the Computer History Museum in Mountain View, California and will raise funds to support Art in Action's mission to bring visual and digital arts education to children nationwide. This fun cocktail party features one-of-a-kind live auction items and a silent

auction with unique artwork and exclusive art-themed experiences. In addition to the presentation of the Art Visionary Award to Nathan Sawaya, attendees will see student artists in action. Proceeds fund curriculum development, teacher and volunteer training and art materials for schools that have limited access to art due to financial challenges.

To purchase tickets or learn more visit <https://artinact.ejoinme.org/OA2017>

About Art in Action

As a national nonprofit leader in visual and digital arts, [Art in Action](#) has proudly served over a half million students since 1982. Today we provide more than one hundred outstanding lessons to seventy thousand students in five hundred schools and enrichment learning centers located throughout the United States. Art in Action inspires and prepares the next generation artists...and innovators, scientists, engineers, visionaries, change makers and design thinkers.

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