

"Artists in the Courtroom" exhibited in Mandeville

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Three artists who have provided the public with a glimpse of the courtroom action during the trials of Charles Manson, Patty Hearst, the Skid Row Slasher and Sirhan Sirhan, among others, will display their drawings in an exhibit at the University of California, San Diego from Jan. 10 to Feb. 10.

The exhibit, "Artists in the Courtroom," will be on display in the Mandeville Art Gallery. A reception for the artists is scheduled from 5-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11. Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Sunday through Friday and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday. Admission is free.

Since cameras are not allowed in the courtroom during a trial, the on-the-spot illustrations done under pressure by the courtroom artist are the only visual representation of the trial presented to the public.

The works of artists Bill Robles, David Rose and Ruben Lopez will be featured in the exhibit. Robles works as a courtroom artist for CBS/KNXT, where his first assignment was the Manson trial. His latest assignments have included the Marvin vs. Marvin case, the Hillside Strangler arraignments and the OPEC oil hearings.

Rose began his career as a courtroom artist by covering the Pentagon Papers trial. His assignments for ABC and NBC have included the trials of Gary Gilmore, Roman Polanski, Patty Hearst, John Ehrlichman and Claudine Longet.

As courtroom artist for KTTV, Ruben Lopez has covered most of the Los Angeles-area cases since 1968, when he was assigned to the Sirhan Sirhan trial.

The exhibit is sponsored by the Mandeville Art Gallery, the Department of Visual Arts and the University Events Office at UC San Diego.

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