



ARTS COMMISSION

Monday, November 14, 2022
Council Chambers
505 Forest Avenue, Laguna Beach, CA 92651
5:00 P.M.

- A G E N D A -

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Approval of Minutes
- 3) Chair's Announcements (Wood)
- 4) Commissioner, Council and Staff Communications
- 5) Cultural Arts Funding Grant Presentations
 - Laguna Dance Festival**
 - Laguna Plein Air Painters Association**
 - LagunaTunes**
- 6) Public Communications - *In order to assist the Arts Commission in the timely completion of its business, speakers are asked to limit their presentation to three minutes or less.*
- 7) Items for Discussion and Action:
 - A. **2023 City Hall Exhibition Schedule**– Discuss and approve the 2023 exhibition schedule at City Hall. (Staff: McGregor)
 - B. **World AIDS Day** – Discuss and approve acknowledging World AIDS Day. (Staff: McGregor)
 - C. **Temporary Public Art Installation** – Discuss and approve a temporary installation of “Polymery” by Taylor Dean Harrison outside City Hall. (Commissioner: Ballard, Staff: Poeschl/Bichler)
 - D. **Relocation of Artist Designed Bench** – Discuss and approve relocating the bench “Streamline” by Larry Gill and Gavin Heath. (Commissioner: Ballard, Staff: Poeschl/Bichler)
- 8) Adjournment

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cc: City Manager, City Clerk, Council Liaison Mayor Kempf, Assistant City Manager
Post through November 15, 2022



LAGUNA BEACH ARTS COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

Monday, October 24, 2022

Council Chambers

505 Forest Avenue, Laguna Beach, CA 92651

5:00 p.m.

Recap of Minutes

PRESENT: **Commissioners:** Donna Ballard, Suzi Chauvel, Michael Ervin, Laura Ford, Pat Kollenda, Adam Schwerner, and Karen Wood. **Council:** Mayor Sue Kempf

STAFF: Sian Poeschl, Cultural Arts Manager and Jamie Bichler, Public Art Coordinator.

- 1) Karen Wood called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
- 2) Minutes of the October 10, 2022, meeting were approved as presented. M/S Kollenda/Chauvel.
- 3) **Chair's Announcements:** Karen Wood commended Adam Schwerner's installation at Descanso Gardens.
- 4) **Commissioner and Staff Communications:** Staff Poeschl noted the award ceremony and reception for the Juried Fine Art exhibition would be held on November 3, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Staff Poeschl noted City Council would consider the Arts Commission 2023 Performance Schedule and the Laguna Beach Tourism Marketing District annual report at its meeting on November 15, 2022. Staff Bichler noted the restoration of the public art sculpture "Sea Breeze" by artist Sukhadev Dail would take place on November 1 and 2, 2022.
- 5) **Public Communications:** None.
- 6) Items for Discussion and Action:
 - A) **Laguna Canyon Storm Channel Walkway Mural** – Artists Arteclelticia (Dominic Panziera and Daniela Garofalo), Amy Cheng and Beau Stanton presented proposals for the walkway mural project. Commissioners Kollenda, Wood, Ervin, and Ford praised the three proposals and supported the design created by Beau Stanton. The Public Art Subcommittee, consisting of Commissioners Ballard, Schwerner, and Chauvel, recommended selection of the design by Beau Stanton. M/S Ford/Ervin. Yeas: Ballard, Chauvel, Ervin, Ford, Kollenda, Schwerner, Wood. Noes: None.
 - B) **Special Performance Event** – Staff Poeschl noted the success, quality of performance, and public reception of the Pacific Opera Project concert for Sunset Serenades on September 23, 2022. A motion was made to approve retaining Pacific Opera Project for a performance of "The Pirates of Penzance" at Bluebird Park on May 13, 2023, at a cost not to exceed \$25,000 from savings in the Arts Commission Special Programs budget of the Laguna Beach Tourism Marketing District. M/S Schwerner/Kollenda. Yeas: Ballard, Chauvel, Ervin, Ford, Kollenda, Schwerner, Wood. Noes: None
 - C) **2023 Arts Commission Meeting Schedule** – The Arts Commission reviewed the schedule of Arts Commission meetings for 2023. A motion was made to approve the schedule as presented. M/S Kollenda/Ervin. Yeas: Ballard, Chauvel, Ervin, Ford, Kollenda, Schwerner, Wood. Noes: None.
- 7) Adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

cc: City Manager, City Clerk, Mayor Kempf, Assistant City Manager



July 1, 2022

Joy Dittberner
Laguna Dance Festival

Laguna Beach, CA 92651

Dear Joy:

On behalf of the City of Laguna Beach, I am pleased to present a grant of **\$25,000** to Laguna Dance Festival to support your organization's work in 2022-2023. **This funding should be used to assist your organization with venue rental, production, marketing, and promotion.** This grant program is made possible from revenues of the Laguna Beach Tourism Marketing District. The use of these grant funds should be acknowledged in written materials by a statement that **"funds for this program are provided by the lodging establishments and the City of Laguna Beach."**

The City of Laguna Beach Arts Commission will be reviewing a final report on your use of these funds in early 2023. The Commission will be inviting your organization to its meeting to give an overview of your programming and use of the funds. The report form will be mailed to you early next year.

Once again, congratulations! I hope this funding will assist your organization in realizing the full potential of your project.

Sincerely,

Sue Kempf
Mayor



July 1, 2022

Rosemary Swimm
Laguna Plein Air Painters Association

Laguna Beach, CA 92652

Dear Rosemary:

On behalf of the City of Laguna Beach, I am pleased to present a grant of **\$18,000** to Laguna Plein Air Painters Association to support your organization's work in 2022-2023. This funding should be used for facility rental, marketing, and promotion of the Laguna Beach Plein Air Painting Invitational. This grant program is made possible from revenues of the Laguna Beach Tourism Marketing District. The use of these grant funds should be acknowledged in written materials by a statement that **"funds for this program are provided by the lodging establishments and the City of Laguna Beach."**

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Mayor



July 1, 2022

Cathy Robin
LagunaTunes Community Chorus

Laguna Beach, CA 92652

Dear Cathy:

On behalf of the City of Laguna Beach, I am pleased to present a grant of **\$4,000** to LagunaTunes to support your organization's work in 2022-2023. **This funding should be used for marketing and promotion of concerts.** This grant program is made possible from revenues of the Laguna Beach Tourism Marketing District. The use of these grant funds should be acknowledged in written materials by a statement that **"funds for this program are provided by the lodging establishments and the City of Laguna Beach."**

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**City of Laguna Beach
Cultural Arts Department
Staff Report**

To: Arts Commission
From: Michael McGregor, Arts Program Coordinator
Agenda Item: A
Title: 2023 City Hall Exhibition Schedule
Location: City Hall, 505 Forest Avenue

Overview

The City of Laguna Beach Cultural Arts Department utilizes the first-floor hallways of City Hall as a year-round exhibition space for local arts organizations and City-sponsored competitions. City Hall has been host to successful exhibitions by Laguna College of Art & Design, The Artist Fund at the Festival of Arts, Community Art Project, Laguna Plein Air Painters Association, and the Festival of Arts Permanent Collection in addition to the City's annual Juried Fine Art, Art That's Small and Children's Holiday Palette competitions. These exhibitions serve to enhance the interior space of City Hall with high-quality art from local artists and arts organizations as well as engage members of the community to show support for the arts and local government.

Summary of the Matter

The exhibition schedule has updated for 2023 and reflect the dates and organizations for exhibition. City staff coordinates with organizations to install and remove exhibitions during hours that City Hall is closed to the public. Exact dates may be subject to change based on the availability of organizations' staff.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Arts Commission approve the exhibition schedule as presented.

Attached: 2023 City Hall Exhibition Schedule



City Hall Exhibitions 2023

Sat., Nov 19, 2022 – Fri., Jan 13, 2023	Festival of Arts Permanent Collection Confirmed
Sat., Jan 14 – Fri., Mar 10, 2023	Laguna College of Art & Design MFA Confirmed
Sat., Mar 11 – Fri., Apr 21, 2023	Art That's Small at City Hall Reception (tentative): Thursday, April 6, 2023
Sat., Apr 22 – Fri., Jun 16, 2023	The Artist Fund at Festival of Arts Awaiting confirmation
Sat., Jun 17 – Fri., Jul 28, 2023	Community Art Project Confirmed
Sat., Jul 29 – Fri., Sept 22, 2023	Laguna Plein Air Painters Association Awaiting confirmation
Sat., Sept 23 – Fri., Nov 17, 2023	Juried Fine Art Reception: Thursday, November 2, 2023
Sat., Nov 18, 2023 – Fri., Jan 12, 2024	Festival of Arts Permanent Collection Confirmed
December 1 – 30, 2023	Children's Holiday Palette Exhibition

**City of Laguna Beach
Cultural Arts Department
Staff Report**

To: Arts Commission
From: Michael McGregor, Arts Program Coordinator
Agenda Item: B
Title: World AIDS Day
Location: Downtown Laguna Beach

Overview

The international recognition of World AIDS Day takes place on December 1, each year to show support for people living with HIV, and to remember those who have died from an AIDS-related illness. In recognition of this day, the Cultural Arts team and Arts Commission recognize this day by displaying black and red ribbons on sculptures in the downtown area. In addition, information cards are placed with the ribbons to identify the significance of World AIDS day and the displayed ribbons.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Arts Commission approve the wording for the info cards and placement of ribbons on the following sculptures:

The People's Council, North and South Wave, The Shopper, The Discussion, Red Telephone Booth, Laguna Blossoms

Info card:



December 1, 2022 - World AIDS Day is an international day dedicated to raising awareness of HIV/AIDS. The black and red ribbons signify mourning for those who have died of the disease and support for people living with HIV.

**City of Laguna Beach
Cultural Arts Department
Staff Report**

To: Arts Commission
From: Jamie Bichler, Public Arts Coordinator
Agenda Item: C
Title: Temporary Public Art Installation
Location: City Hall, Laguna Beach, CA

Overview

The Arts Commission has facilitated several successful temporary installations outside City Hall and staff has been working with the Public Art Sub-Committee to facilitate programming for 2023. The subcommittee and staff are recommending an installation titled “Polymery” by Taylor Dean Harrison. (Artist)

“Polymery” (meaning the characteristic of having many parts) consists of two sculptures which stand at 15’ height each with a footprint of 10’. The sculptures are created of steel and contain a digital light system that casts light patterns in a 60’ diameter circle. Staff will work with the Artist to ensure the light does not extend beyond the City Hall lawn. During daylight the dichroic glass within the sculpture will reflect sunlight. The sculptures will be anchored into the grass with steel mounts. The works reflect the philosophy of the Artist of engaging the viewer to explore the light patterns and movement.

Taylor Dean Harrison’s artworks have toured festivals and fairs internationally, he has exhibited in galleries and museums, and features in private collections. He attended art school at UC Berkley and is based in Oakland California and is originally from San Clemente.

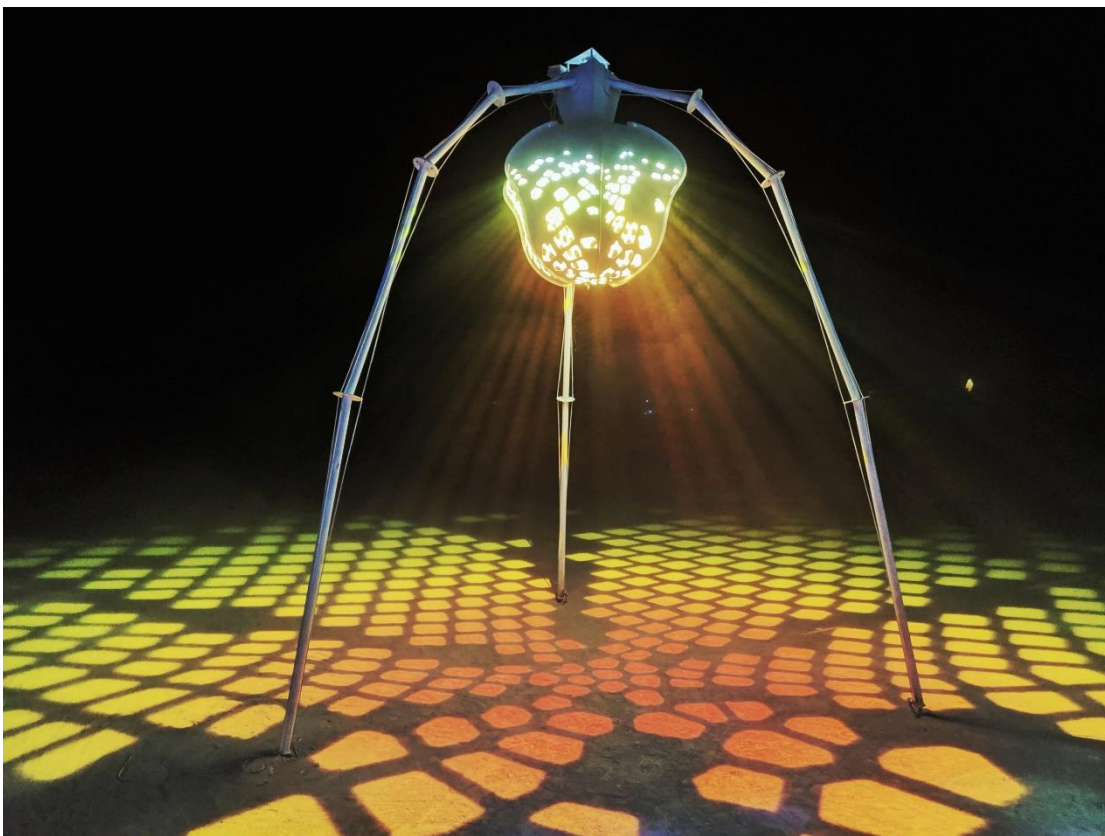
Summary of the Matter

The sculptures are available in February for a three-month exhibit at a rental cost \$25,000 this includes, rental, artist fee, installation, de-installation, anchoring, management, and maintenance. There is currently a fund balance of \$57,441.80 budgeted for temporary art installations in FY 2022/2023 Arts Commission Special Programs budget of the Laguna Beach Tourism Marketing District.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Arts Commission approve the installation of “Polymery” by Taylor Dean Harrison as described at City Hall in February 2023 at a cost not to exceed \$25,000, subject to date changes to be approved by staff.

Attachments: Attachment A





**City of Laguna Beach
Cultural Arts Department
Staff Report**

To: Arts Commission
From: Jamie Bichler, Public Arts Coordinator
Agenda Item: D
Title: Relocation of Artist Designed Bench
Location: 237 Ocean Ave, Laguna Beach, CA

Overview:

The Arts Commission facilitated and funded the Installation of the artist designed bench titled “Streamline” by Larry Gill and Gavin Heath located on the first block of Ocean Avenue. The bench was installed in 2012, with an honorarium of \$10,000 and installed on an existing sidewalk with adequate surrounding space.

During COVID, and to support restaurants, the City approved several parkettes for outside dining. The Community Development Department approved a parklet outside 237 Ocean (The Warf.) The parkette design has limited public access and altered the aesthetics of the work. Initially it was unsure how long parkettes would remain, however the California Governor has approved their use through 2023 and may be extended. The Artists and public have noted their concerns about the condition and access to the work which can be seen in Attachment A.

Staff has worked with the Artists, Public Works, and Community Development Departments to relocate the bench to an alternative location in the Downtown. A location at the corner of Ocean Avenue and Beach Street was identified, replacing an existing City bench, and is included as Attachment B. The location will provide visibility on both front and back of bench as well as adequate light to pass through the glass featured on the backrest of the bench. The new location will still allow for clear viewing of the existing sculpture “The Shopper.”

The first phase of this relocation involves removing the bench from its current location and undertaking restoration and repairs which include replacing the metal understructure, cleaning, and sealing the concrete and polishing the stainless steel. The bench has not required any restoration or maintenance since its installation. It is anticipated that this phase will cost \$5,000. The second phase will involve an application for an Administrative Design Review in addition to new footings and machinery to relocate the bench once restores at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends: 1) approval to relocate the bench “Streamline” as described in this report; 2) approve a budget of up to \$5,000 to restore and repair the bench; and 3) approve a budget not to exceed \$5,000 for site preparations and associated miscellaneous costs funded from the Arts Commission Special Programs budget of the Laguna Beach Tourism Marketing District.

Attachments: Attachment A and Attachment B

Attachment A

Current location of "Streamline Bench" at 237 Ocean Ave.



Attachment B

New Proposed location at the corner of Ocean Avenue and Beach Street

