



ARTS COMMISSION

Monday, April 24, 2023

Council Chambers

505 Forest Avenue, Laguna Beach, CA 92651

5:00 P.M.

- AGENDA -

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Approval of Minutes
- 3) Chair's Announcements (Wood)
- 4) Commissioner, Council and Staff Communications
- 5) Public Communications - *To assist the Arts Commission in the timely completion of its business, speakers are asked to limit their presentation to three minutes or less.*
- 6) Items for Discussion and Action:
 - A. **2023 World Music Series** – Discuss and approve performers for three concerts in June at Heisler Park. (Commissioner: Wood; Staff: McGregor)
 - B. **2023 Sunset Serenades** – Discuss and approve a revision to the performance schedule. (Commissioner Wood: Staff McGregor)
 - C. **Symphony on the Go! Concert** – Discuss and approve hosting a concert by the Pacific Symphony, at no charge to the City on October 6, 2023, and fund the expense of associated audio services for the concert at Heisler Park. (Commissioner: Wood, Staff: McGregor)
 - D. **Temporary Installations** – Verbal update on the status of two additional sites for the exhibition of temporary installations on Laguna Frontage Road and Alta Laguna Park. (Commissioner: Ballard, Staff: Bichler.)
- 7) Adjournment

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cc: City Manager
City Clerk
Council Liaison Mayor Kempf
Director Transit and Community Services

Post through April 25, 2023



LAGUNA BEACH ARTS COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

Monday, April 10, 2023

Council Chambers

505 Forest Avenue, Laguna Beach, CA 92651

5:00 p.m.

Recap of Minutes

PRESENT: **Commissioners:** Donna Ballard, Michael Ervin, Pat Kollenda, Adam Schwerner, and Karen Wood.
ABSENT: Suzi Chauvel and Laura Ford
COUNCIL: Mayor Pro-Tem Sue Kempf
STAFF: Sian Poeschl, Cultural Arts Manager, Michael McGregor, Arts Program Coordinator, Jamie Bichler, Public Art Coordinator, and Michael Listchi, Director of Transit and Community Services.

- 1) Karen Wood called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
- 2) Minutes of the March 27, 2023, meeting were approved as presented. M/S Kollenda/Ervin.
- 3) **Chair's Announcements:** Karen Wood apologized for missing the Art That's Small at City Hall awards reception.
- 4) **Commissioner and Staff Communications:** Pat Kollenda noted the LA Times media coverage of "Polymery" by Taylor Dean Harrison at City Hall. Mayor Pro-Tem Kempf noted there would be a workshop to review concepts for the permanent design of the Promenade on Forest on May 17, 2023, at the Susi Q Community Center. Staff Bichler noted the mural from the Peppertree parking lot was collected by the artist Yuri Kutznetsov. Staff McGregor thanked staff and commissioners for attending the Art That's Small awards reception. Staff noted a Band on the Bus concert would be held on April 15, 2023, in recognition of World Art Day. Staff noted the Artist Review Panel would meet on April 24, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. to review applications. Staff Poeschl noted Commissioners Chauvel and Ford would not be present for the Arts Commission meeting.
- 5) **Public Communications:** None.
- 6) Items for Discussion and Action:
 - A) **Temporary Mural Installation** – Staff Bichler introduced Jamie Kough who presented a proposal for a temporary installation at the Promenade on Forest Avenue. Staff Poeschl noted the installation would serve as a backdrop for music performers on May 4 and 5, 2023. A motion was made to approve the temporary flower pop-up mural at the Stage on Forest for May 4-6, 2023, as presented. M/S Kollenda/Ervin. Yeas: Ballard, Ervin, Kollenda, Schwerner, Wood. Noes: None.
 - B) **Public Art Restoration** – Staff Poeschl noted the Commission budgets \$25,000 each year to maintain artworks in the public collection. Gerard Stripling presented a proposal to clean and maintain the artwork in the collection at a cost of \$34,200. Staff Poeschl noted that works funded through the Art-in-Public Places program could be maintained with funds from the Art in Lieu Fund. Staff presented additional stipulations recommended by the Public Art Subcommittee. A motion was made to:
 - 1) Approved the proposal by Mr. Stripling as presented with 50% allocated from the 2023/24 Arts Commission Special Programs Budget and 50% from the Art-in-Lieu Fund;
 - 2) Allocate and additional budget of \$7,900 for contingency repairs;
 - 3) Obtain any additional approvals of the City

Council through the budget process; 4) Approved additional stipulations proposed by the Subcommittee. M/S Kollenda/Ballard. Yeas: Ballard, Ervin, Kollenda, Schwerner, Wood. Noes: None.

- C) **2023-2024 Cultural Arts Funding Grants** – Staff Poeschl presented the sub-committee recommended allocations for the 2023-2024 Cultural Arts Funding Grants. A motion was made to approve the grant distributions as follows:

Organization	Requested 23/24	Approved 23/24	Motion/Second	Noes	Recused
3340 Recital Series	20,000	5,000	Kollenda/Ballard	None	
Coast Film Foundation	35,000	8,000	Kollenda/Ballard	None	
Community Art Project	9,000	6,000	Schwerner/Ballard	None	
Festival of Arts	25,000	17,000	Wood/Ballard	None	Kollenda
First Thursdays Art Walk	35,000	15,000	Schwerner/Ballard	None	
Friends of Choral Music	9,325	1,500	Wood/Ballard	Kollenda	
Kontrapunktus	1,500	2,000	Schwerner/Ballard	Kollenda, Ervin	
KX FM Radio	15,000	5,000	Ballard/Kollenda	None	
LagunaTunes	5,000	5,000	Ballard/Schwerner	None	
Laguna Beach Arts Alliance	21,000	21,000	Ballard/Wood	None	Kollenda
Laguna Beach Chamber Singers	4,000	4,000	Schwerner/Ballard	None	
Laguna Beach Cultural Arts Center	48,850	25,000	Schwerner/Ballard	None	
Laguna Beach Live	50,000	30,000	Kollenda/Ballard	None	
Laguna Beach Sister Cities	5,000	5,000	Schwerner/Ballard	None	Kollenda
Laguna Community Concert Band	13,500	12,000	Ballard/Wood	None	
Laguna Dance Festival	50,000	30,000	Schwerner/Ballard	None	
Laguna Plein Air Painters	50,000	23,000	Ballard/Wood	None	
Lagunarecoveryart.Inc	100,000	0	Ballard/Schwerner	None	
LOCA Arts Education	40,560	21,000	Schwerner/Kollenda	None	Ballard
Mozart Classical Orchestra	20,000	0	Schwerner/Ballard	None	

My Hero Project	0	0	N/A	N/A	
No Square	40,000	30,000	Ervin/Wood	None	
Philharmonic Society of OC	25,000	12,000	Ballard/Schwerner	None	
Sawdust Art Festival	50,000	36,500	Schwerner/Ballard	None	
Third Street Writers	10,320	6,000	Schwerner/Ballard	None	
On-Line Processing		1,000			
24 Applications		321,000			

M/S Kollenda/Wood. Yeas: Ballard, Ervin, Kollenda, Schwerner, Wood. Noes: None.

D) **2023-2024 Arts Commission Special Programs Budget** – Staff Poeschl presented the Arts Commission Special Programs Budget for 2023-2024. A motion was made to approve the recommended budget as presented. M/S Ballard/Kollenda. Yeas: Ballard, Ervin, Kollenda, Schwerner, Wood. Noes: None.

7) Adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

cc: City Manager, City Clerk, Mayor Pro-Tem Kempf, Director of Transit and Community Services

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

To: Arts Commission
From: Mike McGregor, Arts Program Coordinator
Agenda Item: A
Title: **2023 World Music Series**
Location: Heisler Park Amphitheater

Overview

The World Music Series is a free public concert series held each Friday evening in June at the Heisler Park Amphitheater from 6:30 p.m. to sunset. The series features authentic cultural music from around the globe. On September 12, 2022, the Arts Commission approved the 2023 performance dates.

Summary of the Matter

The World Music Series performances are curated with the help of local musician Jason Feddy. The following performers are recommended for the June 2023 concert series:

6/2	Dylan's Steel Band	Jamaica	Sample link
6/9	Firebird Ensemble	Ukraine	Sample link
6/16	Pamyua	Alaska	Sample link

Recommendation

It is recommended by the Performance Sub-Committee that the Arts Commission approve the World Music Series performer schedule as presented.

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

To: Arts Commission
From: Mike McGregor, Arts Program Coordinator
Agenda Item: B
Title: **2023 Sunset Serenades**
Location: Heisler Park Amphitheater

Overview

Sunset Serenades is a free public concert series held each Friday evening in May and September at the Heisler Park Amphitheater. Performances are curated and booked with the help of Jason Feddy. The Arts Commission approved performers for the spring 2023 concert dates on March 27, 2023.

Summary of the Matter

The performers originally scheduled for May 12, 2023, have become unavailable. Jason Feddy and the Performances subcommittee recommend the Jason Harnell Trio ([Sample Link](#)) for the May 12 concert date.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Arts Commission approve the Jason Harnell Trio as performers for the Sunset Serenades concert on May 12, 2023

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

To: Arts Commission
From: Mike McGregor, Arts Program Coordinator
Agenda Item: C
Title: **Symphony on the Go! Concert**
Location: Heisler Park Amphitheater

Overview

Cultural Arts staff have been contacted by Carrie Villanueva, Education Projects Manager at Pacific Symphony, regarding hosting a “Symphony on the Go!” performance. The proposed concert would be fully funded by Pacific Symphony via a grant. Ms. Villanueva stipulated that the concert would need to be performed outdoors in a City park and be free and accessible for the public to attend.

[Symphony on the Go \(pacificsymphony.org\)](http://pacificsymphony.org)

Summary of the Matter

The event is similar in nature to the Arts Commission’s annual Sunset Serenades concert series. Staff is recommending a performance date for Friday, October 6, 2023, at 5:30 – 6:15 p.m., at the Heisler Park Amphitheater. This date immediately follows the conclusion of the September Sunset Serenades series. The concert is usually presented on a large vehicle in a parking lot and based on the suggestion of the Performance sub-committee it is recommended the performance be held at the Heisler Park Amphitheatre. Due to this, staff is recommending the City provide audio services for the concert at a cost not to exceed \$900.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Arts Commission approve the Pacific Symphony: Symphony on the Go! performance on October 6, 2023, at 5:30 – 6:15 p.m., at the Heisler Park Amphitheater, with the use of amplified sound at a cost not to exceed \$900.