



ARTS COMMISSION

Monday, September 11, 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 (Ballard)
- 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. **2024 City Hall Exhibitions** – Discuss and approve exhibition schedule. (Staff: McGregor)
 - B. **2024 Performance Dates** – Discuss and approve performance and special events schedule. (Commissioner: Kollenda, Staff: McGregor)
 - C. **2023 Chamber Banner** – Review, discuss and approve the selection of up to four designs. (Commissioner: Kollenda, Staff: Wood)
 - D. **Sub-Committee Assignments** – Discuss and approve sub-committee assignments. (Commissioner: Ballard)
- 7) Adjournment
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cc: City Manager, City Clerk, Council Liaison Mayor Pro-Tem, Director Transit and Community Services

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LAGUNA BEACH ARTS COMMISSION

Monday, August 14, 2023

Council Chambers

505 Forest Avenue, Laguna Beach, CA 92651

5:00 p.m.

Recap of Minutes

PRESENT: **Commissioners:** Donna Ballard, Austin Barrow, Suzi Chauvel, Michael Ervin, Pat Kollenda, Michael Ray, and Adam Schwerner. **ABSENT:** Carl Smith.

STAFF: Sian Poeschl, Cultural Arts Manager, Michael McGregor, Arts Program Coordinator, Karen Wood, Public Art Coordinator

COUNCIL: Sue Kempf, Mayor Pro-Tem

- 1) Donna Ballard called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
- 2) Minutes of the July 24, 2023, meeting were approved as presented. M/S Kollenda/Ervin.
- 3) **Chair's Announcements:** None.
- 4) **Commissioner and Staff Communications:** Staff McGregor noted the final concert for the Music in the Park season would be held August 20, 2023, at Bluebird Park, featuring the band Wild Child. Staff noted the Laguna Plein Air Painters Association was currently exhibiting work in the first-floor hallway of City Hall. Staff Poeschl and Mayor Pro-Tem Kempf congratulated Karen Wood on accepting a new position as part-time Public Art Coordinator for the City. Staff Poeschl noted that artist team DABSMYLA would be installing a mural at Alta Laguna Park starting August 18, 2023, and the Festival of Arts would be replacing the temporary sculpture located at the Broadway bus depot. Staff thanked Commissioners for attending the dedication of the temporary sculpture "Inquire Within" at City Hall. Staff noted the passing of local artist Sukhdev Dail.
- 5) **Public Communications:** None.
- 6) Items for Discussion and Action:
 - A) **Election of Officers** – Michael Ervin nominated Donna Ballard to serve as Chair of the Commission. M/S Ervin/Chauvel. Yeas: Ballard, Chauvel, Ervin, Kollenda, Ray, Schwerner. Noes: None. Donna Ballard nominated Adam Schwerner to serve as Vice-Chair of the Commission. M/S Ballard/Chauvel. Yeas: Ballard, Chauvel, Ervin, Kollenda, Ray, Schwerner. Noes: None.
 - B) **Laguna Art Museum – Art and Nature** – Staff Poeschl noted that the Cultural Arts Department worked with the Community Development Department to submit a Coastal Development Permit to the Coastal Commission on behalf of the Laguna Art Museum in addition the Community Development Department had issued a Temporary Use Permit for the proposed event. Artist Christopher Cichocki presented the proposed installation. A motion was made to approve the installation as presented. M/S Kollenda/Ervin. Yeas: Ballard, Chauvel, Ervin, Kollenda, Ray, Schwerner. Noes: None. Staff Poeschl noted the item would be presented for City Council approval on August 22, 2023.

- C) **Temporary Mural Installation – 1945 Laguna Canyon Road (Hawk & Co LLC)** – Hawk and Co. owner Summer Jensen presented a mural installation proposal by artist Louis Carreon. A motion was made to approve the installation as presented for a 12-month period with the option for a 12-month extension with administrative approval. M/S Kollenda/Chauvel. Yeas: Ballard, Chauvel, Ervin, Kollenda, Ray, Schwerner. Noes: None.
- D) **Call for Artists – Artistic Innovation Grants for Artists** – Staff Poeschl described the allocations, eligibility, and selection process for the grant program. Staff noted Adam Schwerner’s recommendation for word-limit on proposed projects and include in the guidelines “the Arts Commission may select one or multiple proposals and reserve the right to reject all proposals.” Mr. Schwerner also recommended including an Artist Excellence clause in the “Selection Process” section. A motion was made to approve the guidelines with the recommended changes. M/S Kollenda/Chauvel. Yeas: Ballard, Chauvel, Ervin, Kollenda, Ray, Schwerner. Noes: None.
- E) **Call for Artists – Temporary Installations** – Staff Poeschl presented the Call for Artists guidelines for a temporary installation in Heisler Park with a proposed budget not to exceed \$25,000, funded by the Arts Commission Special Programs Budget. Staff noted selected artwork would remain the property of its artist following an exhibition. A motion was made to approve the Call for Artists as presented. M/S Schwerner/Barrow. Yeas: Ballard, Chauvel, Ervin, Kollenda, Ray, Schwerner. Noes: None.
- F) **Youth Art Advisory Committee** – Staff McGregor present the guidelines and application for the 2023-24 Youth Art Advisory Board and noted changes to the meeting schedule, which programs the board would provide input for, and defined conflicts of interest. Pat Kollenda and Karen Wood provided a recap of the previous year’s program. Austin Barrow recommended defining the meeting dates. A motion was made to approve the guidelines with the recommended changes. M/S Schwerner/Barrow. Yeas: Ballard, Chauvel, Ervin, Kollenda, Ray, Schwerner. Noes: None.
- 7) Adjourned at 5:44 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: Michael McGregor, Arts Program Coordinator
Agenda Item: 7A
Title: 2024 City Hall Exhibitions
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 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 been updated for 2024 and reflects 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 the organizations' staff.

Recommendation:

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

Attached: 2024 City Hall Exhibition Schedule



City Hall Exhibitions 2024

Sat., Nov 18, 2023 – Fri., Jan 12, 2024	Festival of Arts Permanent Collection
Sat., Jan 13 – Fri., Mar 8, 2024	Laguna College of Art & Design MFA
Sat., Mar 9 – Fri., Apr 19, 2024	Art That's Small at City Hall Reception: Thursday, April 4, 2024
Sat., Apr 20 – Fri., Jun 14, 2024	The Artist Fund at Festival of Arts
Sat., Jun 15 – Fri., Jul 26, 2024	Community Art Project
Sat., Jul 27 – Fri., Sept 20, 2024	Laguna Plein Air Painters Association
Sat., Sept 21 – Fri., Nov 15, 2024	Juried Fine Art Reception: Thursday, November 7, 2024
Sat., Nov 16, 2024 – Fri., Jan 10, 2025	Festival of Arts Permanent Collection
December 1 – 30, 2024	Children's Holiday Palette Exhibition

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

To: Arts Commission
From: Mike McGregor, Arts Program Coordinator
Agenda Item: 7B
Title: 2024 Performance Dates
Location: Laguna Beach, CA

Overview

The City of Laguna Beach Arts Commission presents 245 live performance events annually, including Sunset Serenades, World Music Series and Music in the Park.

Summary of the Matter

In the current year 2023/24 budget the Arts Commission has allocated \$131,500 for the presentation of Music in the Park, Sunset Serenades, World Music concerts, weekly performances at the Promenade on Forest, and an annual performance by Circus Bella. On May 13 2023, the Commission also presented a performance by the Pacific Opera Project, which was held at Bluebird Park, at a cost of \$20,000. The organization has expressed an interest in presenting a performance in 2024 and the Commission should discuss this program and allocating funds from savings in its budget.

Dates for Music in the Park, Sunset Serenades and World Music reflect the same number of concerts and similar dates as presented in 2023. The Music in the Park concerts were brought forward a week in 2023 to reflect the Laguna Beach Unified School District schedule. Music in the Park commenced on July 9, 2023 and it is recommended to start on July 7, 2024. (June 13, 2024- LBUSD last day of school - August 26, 2024- LBUSD first day of school.)

Circus Bella has not confirmed their schedule for 2024, however a performance held on the first Saturday following the close of the school season was very popular and well received. Should the Commission wish to replicate this, Staff would work with Circus Bella to perform on Saturday June 15, 2024, which the Commission should be aware would conflict with Laguna Beach Sister Cities Fete de la Musique. Alternatively, Staff would recommend June 8, 2024, if possible, for the performers.

It is recommended the Commission approve the following events and dates and provide direction pertaining to the Pacific Opera Project or future collaboration with Pacific Symphony who will be presenting a one-off concert on October 6, 2023.

Event	Location	Dates	Time
Sunset Serenade (May)	Heisler Park	May 10, 17, 24, and 31, 2024	6:30 p.m.
World Music Series	Heisler Park	June 7, 14, and 21, 2024	6:30 p.m.
Circus Bella	Bluebird Park	June 8, 15 or 22, 2023 (choose one)	1 p.m. & 3 p.m.
Music in the Park	Bluebird Park	July 7, 14, 21, and 28 August 4, 11, and 18, 2024	5 – 7 p.m.
Sunset Serenades (Sept)	Heisler Park	September 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2024	5:30 p.m.
Promenade on Forest	Forest Ave	Fri/Sat/Sun March – Dec 2024	5:30 – 7:30 p.m. (Fri/Sat) 5 – 7 p.m. (Sun)

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

To: Arts Commission
From: Karen Wood, Public Arts Coordinator
Agenda Item:
Title: 2023 Council Chamber Banner Competition
Location: City Hall, 505 Forest Avenue

Overview

The City of Laguna Beach’s Council Chamber Banner Competition is a project of the Arts Commission. Selected artists are provided with banner material on which to paint original artwork. The selected banners become the property of the City of Laguna Beach and will be displayed when and where the City desires, including within the City of Laguna Beach Council Chambers. Submissions were accepted through Sept. 3, 2023. Completed banners will be awarded a \$900 honorarium. Banners must be delivered to City Hall by Oct 16, 2023. Winners will be recognized at the City Council meeting on Oct. 24, 2023.

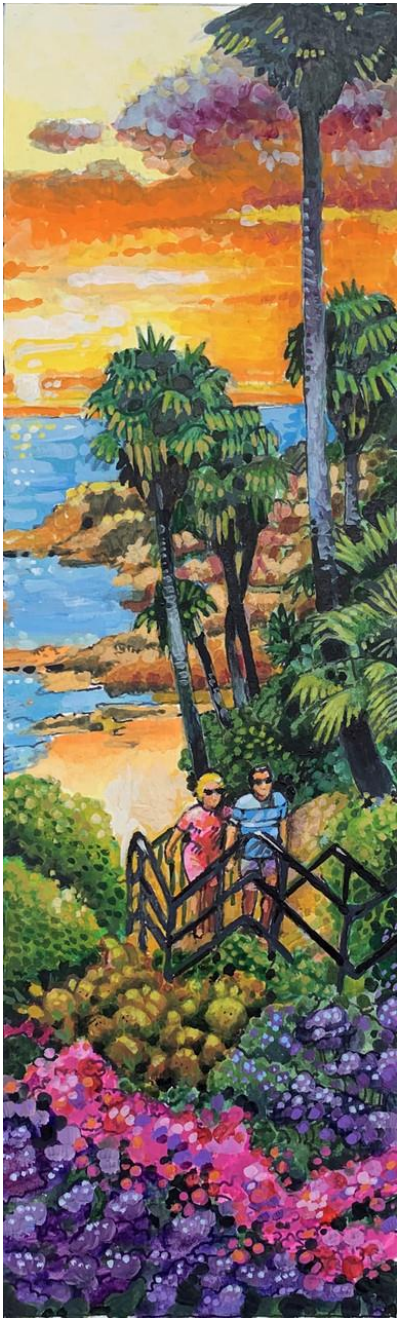
Summary of the Matter

The Arts Commission Sub-Committee, Pat Kollenda, Carl Smith and Suzi Chauvel have reviewed the seventeen (17) submissions anonymously for creativity and visual impact. A community celebration theme was encouraged in the guidelines. The Arts Commission has budgeted for the selection of up to four (4) designs to be made into banners.

Recommendation:

The sub-committee recommendation that the Arts Commission review and approve up to four (4) designs to be made into banners, will be given verbally at the meeting.

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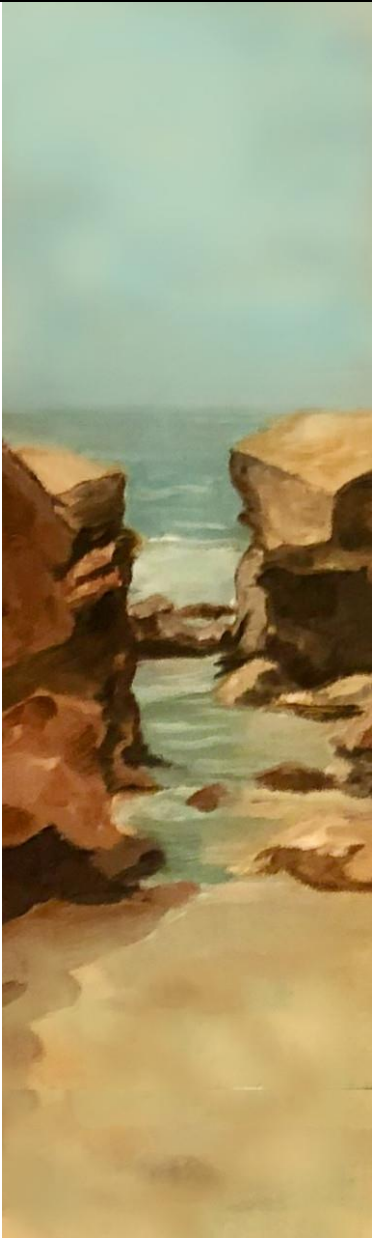


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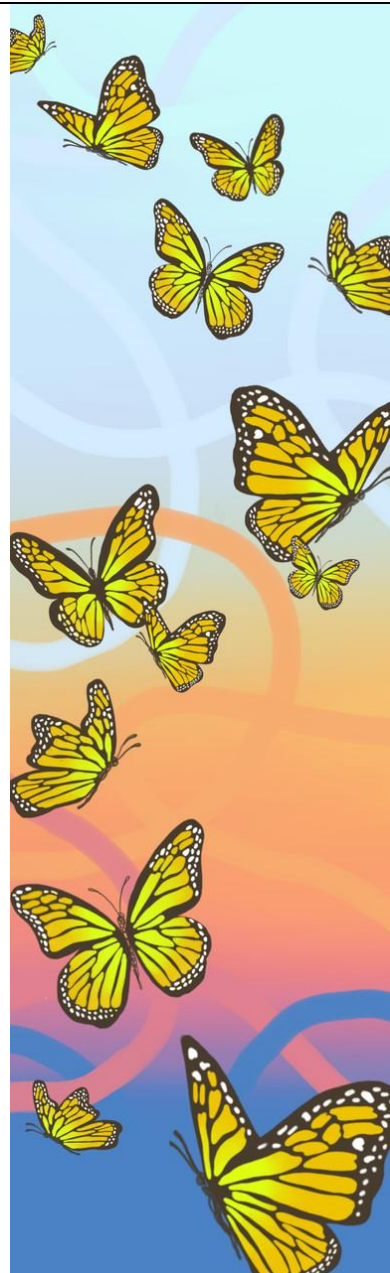
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 5, 2023
TO: Arts Commission
FROM: Siân Poeschl, Arts Manager
SUBJECT: Sub-Committee Assignments (Item 7D)

Since the establishment of Arts Commission sub-committees in July 2023, there have been several changes to the Commission with the resignation of Karen Wood and the installation of Austin Barrow. To reflect these changes, Chair Donna Ballard has adjusted the sub-committee assignments noted below.

2023-2024 Sub-Committee	Members	Staff Liaison
Artist Review Panel	Chair: Michael, Donna, Austin	Mike McGregor
Banner and Palette	Chair: Pat, Carl, Suzi	Karen Wood
Budget	Chair: Donna, Michael, Adam	Siân Poeschl
Exhibitions at City Hall	Chair: Michael, Carl, Austin	Mike McGregor
Implementation Plan	Chair: Suzi / Alternate Pat	Siân Poeschl
Innovation Grants	Chair: Donna, Adam, Michael	Siân Poeschl
Performing Arts	Chair: Pat, Suzi, Austin	Mike McGregor
Laguna Beach Arts Alliance	Michael	Mike McGregor
Public Art	Chair: Adam, Pat, Donna	Siân Poeschl
Youth Advisory	Chair: Carl, Austin, Adam	Mike McGregor

It is recommended the Arts Commission approve the revisions as presented.