



## ARTS COMMISSION

Monday, December 11, 2023

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 (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. **Public Art Maintenance Annual Report** – Overview and update of maintenance undertaken on the City's public art collection. (Staff: Wood)
  - B. **Arts Commission Programming Year-End Review** – Discuss and approve year-end overview of programming. (Commissioner: Ballard, Staff: McGregor)
  - C. **Key Dates List** – Discuss key dates for 2024. (Commissioner: Ballard, Staff: McGregor)
- 7) Adjournment  
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cc: City Manager, City Clerk, Council Liaison Mayor Pro-Tem, Director Transit and Community Services

Post through December 12, 2023



## LAGUNA BEACH ARTS COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

Monday, November 27, 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, Carl Smith, and Adam Schwerner.

**STAFF:** Sian Poeschl, Cultural Arts Manager, Michael McGregor, Arts Program Coordinator, Karen Wood, Public Art Coordinator, Michael Litschi, Director of Transit and Community Services.

- 1) Donna Ballard called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
- 2) The minutes of the November 27, 2023, meeting were approved as presented. M/S Kollenda/Ervin.
- 3) **Chair's Announcements:** Donna Ballard commended the installation and dedication of the mural "Coalescence" by Beau Stanton.
- 4) **Commissioner and Staff Communications:** Staff Wood noted the dedication of the mural "Coalescence" by Beau Stanton. Staff McGregor noted holiday carolers would be performing at the Promenade on Forest on December 2 and 3, 2023.
- 5) **Cultural Arts Funding Grant Presentations:** Mark Lowery presented on behalf of Laguna Community Concert Band regarding how grant funds were used.
- 6) **Public Communications:** None.
- 7) Items for Discussion and Action:
  - A) **Children's Holiday Palettes**– Staff McGregor presented the recommended palette designs and noted the selected artists would be recognized at the City Council meeting on December 12, 2023, and have their work displayed at City Hall through December 2023. A motion was made to select designs by Linus Wong, Asher Lamb, Rocky Hobrecht, Hailey Hathaway, Claire Kirby, Ella Ho, Kinsley Long, Lucy Wilson, Taylor Jones, and Riya Samtani, and directed the Youth Art Advisory Board to select two additional designs. M/S Kollenda/Chauvel. Yeas: Ballard, Barrow, Chauvel, Ervin, Kollenda, Smith, Schwerner. Noes: None.
  - B) **2024 Cultural Arts Funding Grants** – Staff Poeschl presented the application guidelines for Cultural Arts grants to be awarded in 2024 and noted that applications would be made via the online web program SlideRoom. A motion was made to approve the guidelines as presented. M/S Schwerner/Kollenda. Yeas: Ballard, Barrow, Chauvel, Ervin, Kollenda, Smith, Schwerner. Noes: None.
  - C) **Arts Commission 2024 Meeting Schedule** – Staff Poeschl presented the 2024 meeting dates for the Arts Commission and noted February 26, 2023, was scheduled as a joint meeting with the City Council. A motion was made to approve the guidelines as presented. M/S Schwerner/Chauvel. Yeas: Ballard, Barrow, Chauvel, Ervin, Kollenda, Smith, Schwerner. Noes: None.
- 8) Adjourned at 5:23 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:** Karen Wood, Public Art Coordinator  
**Agenda Item:** A  
**Title:** Public Art Maintenance Annual Report  
**Location:** City Hall, 505 Forest Avenue

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**Overview**

At the direction of the Arts Commission, this year the Cultural Arts Department of the City of Laguna Beach began a formalized annual Public Art Maintenance program. The intent of this program is to assure the cultural Public Art legacy of the City and the Artists, and to protect the investment of these significant and unique Public Art Pieces placed throughout the community now and for future generations.

**Summary of the Matter**

The Cultural Arts Department has engaged independent contractor, Gerard Stripling, to facilitate the annual review and maintenance program. Over the course of each year all public art pieces are being reviewed for their overall condition, are being cleaned, and as required, are being refurbished.

Mr. Stripling has established a monthly calendar to ensure that each piece of public art is reviewed. The annual calendar is approved by the Cultural Arts Manager and implementation is overseen by the Public Arts Coordinator.

Over two dozen pieces were attended to over the last two quarters of this year (list attached). Each piece was cleaned as appropriate, which might include washing, vacuuming, waxing, metal polishing, calcium deposits removal, weed removal and/or vegetation trimming if infringing on the structures, and so on. Where there are special needs recognized for a particular piece, they are reported to staff who notes the concerns for future action or requests assistance from the appropriate city agencies to address.

When actual restoration is required on an art piece, staff first approaches the original artist to repair or refurbish at their expense. If that is not possible, or is declined by the artist, staff requests a meeting with the artist and Mr. Stripling to hear any advice on approaching the restoration, and Mr. Stripling moves forward with the work required.

On occasion there is the need to address unscheduled maintenance such as the removal of graffiti or repair of a piece that has suffered damage. There are also occasional cleaning and maintenance for special events scheduled by the City, such as the 9/11 Memorial Service.

This update on the maintenance of the City's collection of public art is informational and requires no action on the part of the Arts Commission.

**Public Art Restorations: July 1, 2023-December 31, 2023**

<b>Installation</b>	<b>Artist</b>
Beacon/Usher In	John Barber and Louis Longi
Boom Boom Bench	Michael Stutz
Outburst	Lynn Basa
Road Blossoms	Shin Gray Studio
Another Beautiful Day in Paradise	Valerie Gorrell and Helma Bovenizer
Girl and Dog	Ruth Peabody
Deer Warrior	Cheryl Ekstrom
Five Frog Bench	Jon Alabaster
Rendezvous	Tuan
Canyon Chess & Checkers	Marlo Bartels
Forest St. Bollards	Marlo Bartels
Tidepool Paddleboard	Larry Gill and Gavin Heath
Trio	Jorg Dubin
Semper Memento	Jorg Dubin
Eternal Legacy	Gerard Stripling and Michele Taylor
Grace	Terry Thornsley
Support Bench	Louis Longi
Little Treasures	Scott and Naomi Schoenherr
Mermaid Street Plaques	Marlo Bartels, Jill Cooper, Phillip Powers, Mike Tauber
Breaching Whale	Jon Seeman
Canyon View	David Cook, Jeff Peters, Jorg Dubin
Semper Memento	Jorg Dubin
Eternal Legacy	Gerard Stripling and Michele Taylor
2001#1	Jerry Rothman
North and South Waves	Larry Gill
Seabreeze	Sukhdev Dail
Laguna Locals	Terry Thornsley
A Rocky Ledge	Julia Klemek and Leslie Robbins
Tidepool Kracken	Casey Parlett
Strand of Life	Casey Parlett
Al's Bench	Marlo Bartels
Rock Pile Carve	George Stone



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

**To:** Arts Commission  
**From:** Mike McGregor, Arts Program Coordinator  
**Agenda Item:** B  
**Title:** 2023 Year in Review  
**Location:** Laguna Beach, CA

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**Overview**

The Arts Commission and Cultural Arts Department have had several successes in 2023. The following report, compiled by staff, gives an overview of accomplishments for 2023.

[2023 Year in Review](#)

**AGENDA ITEM C**  
**Arts Commission and Cultural Arts Department**  
**2024 Key Dates**

**January 2024**

January 8	<b>Arts Commission Meeting</b>
January 12	CITY HALL CLOSED
January 12	Exhibition Removal: Festival of Arts Permanent Collection
January 12 -13	Exhibition Install: LCAD MFA
January 15	CITY HALL CLOSED – MLK Jr. Day
January 22	<b>Arts Commission Meeting</b>
January 26	CITY HALL CLOSED

**February 2024**

February 5	<b>Deadline: Cultural Arts Funding Grants</b>
February 5	<b>Deadline: Sunset Serenades Promotional Artwork</b>
February 9	CITY HALL CLOSED
February 12	Youth Art Advisory Board
February 12	<b>Arts Commission Meeting</b>
February 19	CITY HALL CLOSED – President’s Day
February 23	CITY HALL CLOSED
February 26	<b>Arts Commission Meeting</b>

**March 2024**

March 4	<b>Deadline: Banner Competition</b>
March 8	CITY HALL CLOSED
March 8	Exhibition Removal: LCAD MFA
March 9	<b>Deadline/Exhibition Install/Artwork Drop-off: Art That’s Small at City Hall</b>
March 11	<b>Arts Commission Meeting</b>
March 22	CITY HALL CLOSED
March 25	<b>Arts Commission Meeting</b>

**April 2024**

April 4	Reception: Art That’s Small
April 5	CITY HALL CLOSED
April 8	Youth Art Advisory Board
April 8	<b>Arts Commission Meeting</b>
April 19	CITY HALL CLOSED
April 19	Exhibition Removal/Artwork Pick-up: Art That’s Small at City Hall
April 20	Exhibition Install: Artist Fund at Festival of the Arts
April 22	<b>Arts Commission Meeting</b>

**May 2024**

May 3	CITY HALL CLOSED
May 3	Sunset Serenades
May 6	Completed Banner Return
May 10	Sunset Serenades
May 13	<b>Arts Commission Meeting</b>
May 17	CITY HALL CLOSED
May 17	Sunset Serenades
May 20	<b>Arts Commission Meeting</b>
May 24	Sunset Serenades
May 27	CITY HALL CLOSED – Memorial Day

May 31 CITY HALL CLOSED  
May 31 Sunset Serenades

### June 2024

June 7 Sunset Serenades presents World Music  
June 8 Circus Bella at Bluebird Park  
June 10 Youth Art Advisory Board  
June 10 Arts Commission Meeting  
June 14 CITY HALL CLOSED  
June 14 Exhibition Removal: Artist Fund at Festival of the Arts  
June 14 Sunset Serenades presents World Music  
June 15 Exhibition Install: Community Art Project  
June 19 CITY HALL CLOSED – Juneteenth  
June 21 Sunset Serenades presents World Music  
June 28 CITY HALL CLOSED

### July 2024

July 4 CITY HALL CLOSED – Independence Day  
July 7 Music in the Park  
July 8 Arts Commission Meeting  
July 12 CITY HALL CLOSED  
July 14 Music in the Park  
July 21 Music in the Park  
July 22 Arts Commission Meeting  
July 26 CITY HALL CLOSED  
July 26 Exhibition Removal: Community Art Project  
July 27 Exhibition Install: Laguna Plein Air Painters Association  
July 28 Music in the Park

### August 2024

August 4 Music in the Park  
August 9 CITY HALL CLOSED  
August 11 Music in the Park  
August 12 Arts Commission Meeting  
August 18 Music in the Park  
August 23 CITY HALL CLOSED  
August 26 Arts Commission Meeting  
August 30 Sunset Serenades presents Pacific Opera Project?

### September 2024

September 2 CITY HALL CLOSED – Labor Day  
September 6 CITY HALL CLOSED  
September 6 Sunset Serenades  
September 9 Deadline: Juried Fine Art  
September 9 Arts Commission Meeting  
September 13 Sunset Serenades  
September 20 CITY HALL CLOSED  
September 20 Exhibition Removal: Laguna Plein Air Painters Association  
September 20 Sunset Serenades  
September 21 Exhibition Install/Artwork Drop-off: Juried Fine Art  
September 23 Arts Commission Meeting  
September 27 Sunset Serenades



## October 2024

October 4	Sunset Serenades presents Pacific Opera Project?
October 4	CITY HALL CLOSED
October 7	<b>Deadline: Holiday Palette Competition</b>
October 14	Youth Art Advisory Board
October 14	<b>Arts Commission Meeting</b>
October 18	CITY HALL CLOSED
October 28	<b>Arts Commission Meeting</b>

## November 2024

November 1	CITY HALL CLOSED
November 11	CITY HALL CLOSED – Veteran’s Day
November 7	Reception: Juried Fine Art
November 12	Completed Holiday Palette Return
November 15	CITY HALL CLOSED
November 15	Exhibition Removal/Artwork Pick-up: Juried Fine Art
November 16	Exhibition Install: Festival of Arts Permanent Collection
November 18	<b>Deadline: Children’s Holiday Palettes</b>
November 25	Youth Art Advisory Board
November 25	<b>Arts Commission Meeting</b>
November 28 – 29	CITY HALL CLOSED - Thanksgiving

## December 2024

December 1	World AIDS Day
December 9	Youth Art Advisory Board
December 9	<b>Arts Commission Meeting</b>
December 10	City Council – Children’s Holiday Palette Recognition
December 13	CITY HALL CLOSED