



ARTS COMMISSION

Monday, February 13, 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 (Wood)
- 4) Commissioner, Council and Staff Communications
- 5) Cultural Arts Funding Grant Presentations
 - Community Art Project (Faye Baglin/Charlie Ferrazzi)**
 - No Square Theatre (Bree Burgess Rosen/Rob Harryman)**
 - KXFM Radio (Alyssa Hayek)**
 - Thirty-Three Forty (Jay Colwell)**
 - Third Street Writers (Jennifer Griffith)**
- 6) 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.*
- 7) Items for Discussion and Action:
 - A. **Red Phone Booth Temporary Art Installation** – Presentations by finalists: **Raphael Cohen-Barcy, Chad LaFever, Tiffany Nassiran, Robyn Sandford, and Candice Brokenshire/Julie Setterholm**. Discuss and a select design for installation. (Commissioner: Ballard, Staff: Bichler)
 - B. **Art That's Small at City Hall** - Discuss and select jurors Jacques Garnier, Tamara Nelson, and Patrick Whalen for the competition. (Staff: McGregor)
 - C. **Fostering Creativity in a Time of Crisis** – Update report on grant facilitation. (Staff: Poeschl)
- 7) Adjournment

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

Post through February 14, 2023



LAGUNA BEACH ARTS COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

Monday, January 23, 2023

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.

Staff: Michael McGregor, Arts Program Coordinator, and Jamie Bichler, Public Art Coordinator.

Absent: Sian Poeschl, Cultural Arts Manager

- 1) Karen Wood called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
- 2) Minutes of the December 12, 2022, meeting were approved as presented. M/S Kollenda/Ballard.
- 3) **Chair's Announcements:** Karen Wood attended the Laguna Beach Arts Alliance meeting to present the Cultural Arts Funding Grant program.
- 4) **Commissioner and Staff Communications:** Staff McGregor noted the Laguna College of Art + Design's MFA program was on exhibit at City Hall through March 10, 2023. Adam Schwerner noted he attended a concert by Kontrapunktus and praised the performance.
- 5) **Cultural Arts Funding Grants:** Rick Conkey presented on behalf of Cultural Arts Center regarding how grant funds were used.
- 6) **Public Communications:** None.
- 7) Items for Discussion and Action:
 - A) **Red Phone Booth Temporary Art Installation** – Staff Bichler presented the proposal submissions for the Red Phone Booth program. A motion was made to invite Candice Brokenshire/Julie Setterholm, Raphaele Cohen-Bacry, Chad La Fever, Tiffany Nassirian, and Robyn Sanford as finalists to present their concepts at the Arts Commission meeting on February 13, 2023. M/S Ervin/Ballard. Yeas: Ballard, Chauvel, Ervin, Ford, Kollenda, Schwerner, Wood. Noes: None.
 - B) **Arts Marketing Workshop** – Staff McGregor noted “connecting with the local community” was recommended as a topic for the next workshop and that staff would be meeting with the Chamber of Commerce to seek partnership in presenting. Commissioners directed staff to coordinate an in-person workshop with local artists and/or marketing professionals as presenters to take place in spring 2023.
 - C) **Restoration Project Overview** – Staff Bichler provided an overview of the restoration of public artworks in 2022.
 - D) **Fostering Creativity in a Time of Crisis – Update Report** – Item continued.
- 8) Adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

cc: City Manager, City Clerk, Mayor Pro-Tem Kempf, Assistant City Manager



July 1, 2022

Faye Baglin
Community Art Project

Laguna Beach, CA 92652

Dear Faye:

On behalf of the City of Laguna Beach, I am pleased to present a grant of **\$4,000** to Community Art Project to support your organization's work in 2022-2023. This funding should be used to market and promote exhibitions. 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

Bree Burgess Rosen
No Square Theater

Laguna Beach, CA 92652

Dear Bree:

On behalf of the City of Laguna Beach, I am pleased to present a grant of **\$28,000** to No Square Theater to support your organization's work in 2022-2023. This funding should be used for artist fees, 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."**

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Alyssa Hayek
KX 93.5

Laguna Beach, CA 92651

Dear Alyssa:

On behalf of the City of Laguna Beach, I am pleased to present a grant of **\$8,000** to KX 93.5 to support your organization's work in 2022-2023. This funding should be used to promote and market a concert at the Festival of Arts. 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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Jay Colwell
3340 Recital Series

Laguna Beach, CA 92651

Dear Jay:

On behalf of the City of Laguna Beach, I am pleased to present a grant of **\$3,000** to 3340 Recital Series to support your organization's work in 2022-2023. This funding should be used to assist your organization with facility and equipment rental. 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

Jennifer Griffiths
Third Street Writers

Laguna Beach, CA 92651

Dear Jennifer:

On behalf of the City of Laguna Beach, I am pleased to present a grant of **\$4,000** to the Laguna Beach Chamber Singers to support your organization's work in 2022-2023. This funding should be used to produce a website. 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: Jamie Bichler, Public Arts Coordinator
Agenda Item: A
Title: Red Telephone Booth Temporary Art Installation
Location: Forest Avenue, Downtown

Overview

The City of Laguna Beach Red Telephone Booth is a project of the Arts Commission. The K-6 telephone booth is located on Forest Avenue in downtown Laguna Beach. The public telephone has been removed and the booth now serves as a location for temporary art installations selected via a call for artists juried by the Arts Commission. The purpose of the biennial competition is to add to the City's public art collection with high quality artwork.

The Red Telephone Booth Temporary Art Installation competition received fifteen applicants

At its meeting on January 23, 2023, the Arts Commission reviewed the applications and selected the following five finalists to present their concepts: Raphaelle Cohen-Bacry, Chad LaFever, Tiffany Nassiran, Robyn Sanford, and Candice Brokenshire/Julie Setterholm. The artists will present their designs on February 13, 2023, and will be available to answer questions.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends the Arts Commission hear artists' presentations and discuss proposals.

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

To: Arts Commission
Meeting Date: February 13, 2023
Agenda Item: B
Title: 2023 Art That's Small Jurors
Location: City Hall, 505 Forest Avenue

Overview

The City of Laguna Beach's annual Art That's Small at City Hall exhibition is in its 21st year. The exhibit will be installed at City Hall on March 11, 2023, and be open to the public until April 20, 2023. Calls for jurors for the 2023 Art That's Small at City Hall exhibition was sent out to local gallery directors, arts organization representatives and prominent artists.

Summary of the Matter

Jurors will evaluate work based on content, quality and how it fits the theme of the exhibition. Jurors will review the exhibition and convene at City Hall between March 13 – March 31 and select winners. Awards will be announced at a reception to be held on April 6, 2023. The following individuals have also expressed interest to serve as jurors for the exhibition:

Jacques Garnier – Artist- Photography; <http://www.jacques-garnier.com/-about>

Tamara Nelson - Gallery owner; Artist- Commercial abstract; <https://tamaranelsonart.com/>

Patrick Whelan – Artist- Painting/Illustration; Festival of Arts exhibitor <https://patrick-whelan.pixels.com/>

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Arts Commission approve Jacques Garnier, Tamara Nelson, and Patrick Whelan as jurors for the 2023 Art That's Small at City Hall exhibition.

Attached: Art That's Small at City Hall - Previous Jurors

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- 2022 Steven Brittan (LCAD President)
Tom Lamb (FoA and Artist)
Mike Tauber (Ceramic artist; Former Arts Commissioner; Founder of the program)
- 2020 David Milton (Watercolorist, FoA and Sawdust Exhibitor)
Vinita Voogd (Printmaker, FoA Exhibitor)
- 2019 Elizabeth McGee (Artist)
Betty Shelton (Artist, LCAD Post-Bacc Chair)
Richard Sills (Signature Gallery Director)
- 2018 Jorg Dubin (Artist)
Rosemary Swimm (Laguna Plein Air Painters Association)
Lori McBride (Las Lagunas Gallery)
- 2017 Bryan Heggie (LCAD and Artist)
Tom Lamb (FoA and Artist)
Christine Dodd (Laguna Beach Arts Patron Magazine)
- 2016 Hedy Buzan (Artist)
Kelsey Irvin (Kelsey Michaels Gallery)
Arabella Cant (Laguna Art Museum)
- 2015 Ludo Leideritz (Ocean and Forest Gallery)
Ron Morrissette (Festival of Arts)
Peter Zokosky (Laguna College of Art + Design)
- 2014 Janet Blake (Laguna Art Museum)
Andrea Harris (Laguna College of Art + Design)
Tom Lamb (FOA and Artist)
- 2013 JoAnne Artman (JoAnne Artman Gallery)
Jonathan Burke (Laguna College of Art + Design)
Pat Sparkuhl (Festival of Arts)
- 2012 Mike Tauber (Arts Commissioner, founder of the program)
Malcolm Warner (Laguna Art Museum)
Dora Wexell (First Thursdays Art Walk)
- 2011 Carla Tesak Arzente (Salt Fine Art)
Brad Coleman (Laguna College of Art + Design)
Jeff Horn (Laguna Plein Air Painters Association)
- 2010 Susan Wade (Sawdust Art Festival)
Tom Lamb (FOA & Artist)
Joanne Artman (Joanne Artman Gallery)

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 18, 2023
TO: Arts Commission
FROM: Siân Poeschl, Cultural Arts Manager
SUBJECT: **Fostering Creativity in a Time of Crisis – Update Report (D)**

In 2020, the Arts Commission granted \$100,000 to Laguna Beach artists through the program “Fostering Creativity in a Time of Crisis” funded through a generous donation by Wayne Peterson through the Laguna Beach Community Foundation. Funding was designed to assist artists in getting back to work during the COVID pandemic with a creation to be shared with the community in some way. Grants ranging between \$1,000 and \$8,000 were distributed to 28 artists. To date, 20 of the grant recipients have completed their projects.

Updates on the program is as follows:

- The Arts Commission recently approved a temporary sculpture installation on Laguna Frontage Road by Margret Hemsley. The installation will occur once the construction has been completed on the Laguna Canyon Storm Channel, anticipated in June 2023. Staff has made an application to the Planning Commission for approval of the site and required Temporary Use Permit. It is anticipated the sculpture will be on exhibit for three months. Artist David Kizziar will install his work at the same location commencing September through December 2023.
- Stephen Davy completed the creation of a violin and High School student Archer Joseph was selected as the recipient of the instrument. A performance with the violin will be performed at a date to be determined.
- Ceramic Artist Jesse Bartels and sculptor Nevada Silva have both completed the work, but a location has not been identified for exhibition. Artists are looking to the Arts Commission and staff to assist with this aspect of facilitation.
- Sculptor Casey Parlette and glass artist Christopher Jeffries are interested in completing their projects and are in the process of design and engineering. Both will continue to work with staff on facilitation.
- Ceramic Artist Monica Prado has been unable to complete her project, due to changes in the scope of the proposal. She has returned the grant funds which has been deposited back into the account.
- Staff will work with the remaining artists Andrew Myers, and Naomi Schoenherr in realizing their potential for their projects.

The current fund balance is \$10,000. The Commission should consider allocating \$40,000 from its 2023/24 budget to continue the program under a different title, which was also a goal identified in the *Cultural Arts Plan: 2.15 Create an innovation fund to encourage experimentation by artists...*

Staff recommends the Public Art Sub-committee discuss possible exhibition locations and implementation with the artists noted in this report.