



## ARTS COMMISSION

Monday, February 12, 2024

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) Cultural Arts Funding Presentations –
  - Laguna Plein Air Painters Association** (Celeste Gilles)
  - 3340 Recital** (Jay Colwell)
  - Laguna Beach Live** (Cindy Prewitt)
  - No Square Theatre** (Rob Harryman)
  - Laguna Beach Alliance for the Arts** (Rob Harryman)
- 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. **Art That's Small at City Hall** – Discuss and select jurors. (Commissioner: Smith, Staff: McGregor)
  - B. **Sunset Serenade Promotional Artwork** – Discuss and select designs. (Commissioner: Kollenda, Staff: McGregor)
  - C. **Temporary Public Art Installations** – Discuss and approve temporary installations for City Hall and Heisler Park. (Commissioner: Schwerner, Staff: Wood/Poeschl)
  - D. **Pacific Opera Project** – Discuss and approve a collaboration in presenting a concert on August 17, 2024 at the Festival of Arts. (Commissioner: Kollenda, Staff: Poeschl)
- 8) Adjournment

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

Post through February 13, 2024



## LAGUNA BEACH ARTS COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

Monday, January 22, 2024

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, Carl Smith, and Adam Schwerner. **ABSENT:** Michael Ray

**COUNCIL:** Mayor Sue Kempf

**STAFF:** Siân 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.

Extraordinary Business: Staff Wood introduced Rick Graves who created and presented a promotional video for the City's Outdoor Banner Competition.

2) The minutes of the December 11, 2023 meeting were approved as presented. M/S Kollenda/Ervin.

3) **Chair's Announcements:** None.

4) **Commissioner and Staff Communications:** Michael Ervin attended the Laguna Beach Arts Alliance meeting and discussed Cultural Arts Funding Grants, Art Stars Awards, and use of City facilities. Staff McGregor noted Laguna College of Art + Design was exhibiting artwork at City Hall and the City's active calls for artists. Staff Poeschl thanked Pat Kollenda for presenting grant application instructions to the Laguna Beach Arts Alliance and noted that Cultural Planning Group would be presenting the Public Art Ordinance and Policy to the City Council on February 27, 2024.

5) **Public Communications:** None.

6) **Cultural Arts Funding Presentations:** Mike Tauber presented on behalf of LOCA Arts Education, Sharbie Higuchi presented on behalf of Festival of Arts, Karyn Philippsen presented on behalf of Laguna Beach Sister Cities, and Joslyn Aitken presented on behalf of Laguna Beach Chamber Singers regarding how grants funding was used.

7) Items for Discussion and Action:

**A) Call for Artists – Temporary Public Art Installation** – Staff McGregor presented the guidelines for the Youth Arts Advisory Board's call for artists to create a temporary installation for the Stage on Forest. Mayor Pro-Tem Kempf noted desire to include the Arts Commission in the development of the permanent Promenade on Forest. A motion was made to 1) Approve the guidelines with the theme of "Marine Sanctuary"; 2) Approve an exhibition period of up to three months based on condition of the installation; 3) Allocated \$5,000 in honorarium from savings in the Arts Commission Special Programs Budget. M/S Kollenda/Chauvel. Yeas: Ballard, Barrow, Chauvel, Ervin, Kollenda, Smith, Schwerner. Noes: None.

**B) City Council and Arts Commission Joint Meeting** – Staff Poeschl presented the proposed agenda items for the Arts Commission and City Council joint meeting on February 27, 2024. A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented. M/S Kollenda/Chauvel. Yeas: Ballard, Barrow, Chauvel, Ervin, Kollenda, Smith, Schwerner. Noes: None.

8) Adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

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



July 1, 2023

Toni Kellenberg  
Laguna Plein Air Painters Association  
PO Box 4109  
Laguna Beach, CA 92652

Dear Toni:

On behalf of the City of Laguna Beach, I am pleased to present a grant of **\$23,000** to Laguna Plein Air Painters Association to support your organization's work in 2023-2024. **This funding should be used for the 25th annual Laguna Beach Plein Air Invitational held at the Festival of Arts grounds.** The grant will provide funds for the construction of the exhibit venue, equipment rental, marketing, and promotion. This grant program is made possible from revenues of the Laguna Beach Business Improvement 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 2024. 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,

Bob Whalen  
Mayor



July 1, 2023

Jay Colwell  
3340 Recital Series  
1968 South Coast Highway  
Laguna Beach, CA 92651

Dear Jay:

On behalf of the City of Laguna Beach, I am pleased to present a grant of **\$5,000** to 3340 Recital Series to support your organization's work in 2023-2024. This funding should be used to present music recitals. **The grant will provide funds for hiring artists, venue rental, piano rental, and marketing.** This grant program is made possible from revenues of the Laguna Beach Business Improvement 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, 2023

Cindy Prewitt  
Laguna Beach Live!  
PO Box 9336  
Laguna Beach, CA 92652

Dear Cindy:

On behalf of the City of Laguna Beach, I am pleased to present a grant of **\$30,000** to Laguna Beach Live! to support your organization's work in 2023-2024. **This funding should be used to present "Inside World Music" and "Bluegrass and BBQ" concerts at the Laguna Art Museum and "Live! Music Insights" education classes for adults.** The grant will provide funds for rental, production, and artists fees. This grant program is made possible from revenues of the Laguna Beach Business Improvement 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, 2023

Connie Burlin  
No Square Theatre  
PO Box 823  
Laguna Beach, CA 92652

Dear Connie:

On behalf of the City of Laguna Beach, I am pleased to present a grant of **\$30,000** to No Square Theatre to support your organization's work in 2023-2024. **This funding should be used to present "Wisdom of the Masters: The Teaching Artists Series" with presentations by leaders in various disciplines of theatre.** The grant will provide funds for artists fees, marketing, and promotion. This grant program is made possible from revenues of the Laguna Beach Business Improvement 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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Bob Whalen  
Mayor



July 1, 2023

Pat Kollenda  
Laguna Beach Arts Alliance  
790 Wendt Terrace  
Laguna Beach, CA 92651

Dear Pat:

On behalf of the City of Laguna Beach, I am pleased to present a grant of **\$21,000** to Laguna Beach Arts Alliance to support your organization's work in 2023-2024. **This funding should be used for a weekly digital calendar and arts section in collaboration with StuNews and website maintenance.** This grant program is made possible from revenues of the Laguna Beach Business Improvement 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  
**Meeting Date:** February 12, 2024  
**Agenda Item:** A  
**Title:** 2024 Art That's Small Jurors  
**Location:** City Hall, 505 Forest Avenue

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**Overview**

The City of Laguna Beach's annual Art That's Small at City Hall exhibition is in its 22<sup>nd</sup> year. The exhibit will be installed at City Hall on March 9, 2024, and be open to the public until April 18, 2024. Calls for jurors for the 2024 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 11 – April 1, and select first, second and third place winners as well as any honorable mentions. Awards will be announced on April 4, 2024. The following individuals have expressed interest and availability to serve as jurors for the exhibition:

Christopher Allwine	Artist (Photography), FoA Exhibitor	<a href="#">Exhibitions / CV — C. Allwine Fine Art Photography (cwallwine.com)</a>
Lani Emanuel	Artist (Painting), FoA Exhibitor	<a href="#">lani emanuel - Page - CV</a>
Carolyn Machado	Artist (Assemblage), FoA Exhibitor (2013)	<a href="#">carolyn machado artist, events and workshops</a>
Suzanne Milora	Gallery Curator (Sue Greenwood Fine Art)	<a href="https://www.suegreenwoodfineart.com/">https://www.suegreenwoodfineart.com/</a>
Hope Railey	Artist (Drawing/Painting), LCAD Fine Arts Chair	<a href="#">CV — Hope Railey - Hope Railey Fine Artist (hope-railey.com)</a>

**Recommendation**

It is recommended by Staff that the Arts Commission approve Christopher Allwine, Suzanne Milora, and Hope Railey as jurors for the 2024 Art That's Small at City Hall exhibition.

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



## **Art That's Small at City Hall - Previous Jurors**

- 2023 Jacques Garnier (Artist- Photography)  
Tamara Nelson (Gallery owner; Artist- Commercial abstract)  
Patrick Whelan (Artist- Painting/Illustration; Festival of Arts exhibitor)
- 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)

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

**To:** Arts Commission  
**From:** Mike McGregor, Arts Program Coordinator  
**Agenda Item:** B  
**Title:** Sunset Serenades Promotional Artwork  
**Location:** Laguna Beach, CA

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**Overview**

The Sunset Serenades Promotional Artwork Competition was open to Orange County residents ages 18 and older. The selected artwork will be used to promote the Sunset Serenades concert series held each spring and fall. Submissions were accepted via SlideRoom. The deadline to submit entries was February 5, 2023.

**Summary of the Matter**

The submitted designs can be viewed at: [HERE](#).

Text with the concert schedules and information may be overlaid onto the design. The selected work should be a high quality, original design that represents the concert series.

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Arts Commission vote for their preferred design(s). The design receiving the most votes will be selected. In the event of a tie, a run-off vote will be held until one design receives a majority of votes. The Commission may decide not to select any submissions.

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

To: Arts Commission  
From: Karen Wood, Public Arts Coordinator  
Agenda Item: C  
Title: 2024 Temporary Public Art Installation

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**Overview**

On August 2, 2023 the Arts Commission approved a Call For Artists for proposals for Temporary Outdoor Public Art Installations. The focus of the Call was for the lawn areas in Heisler Park and City Hall which have the required Temporary Use Permit.

**Summary of the Matter**

Numerous proposals have been received and reviewed by the Arts Commission Sub-Committee consisting of Adam Schwerner, Pat Kollenda and Donna Ballard and Cultural Arts Staff. The sub-committee reviewed all the submissions and is making the following recommendations.

**Recommendation:**

## FOR CITY HALL LAWN

**Casey Parlette**, EPICENTER: 9' tall x 4' wide bronze and stainless-steel sculpture with two small lights in the base. The sculpture depicts the marine ecosystem and is intended to foster conversation and educational opportunity to deepen understanding of conservation. The artwork will be available after October 2024 and fulfills the requirements of the Fostering Creativity in Time of Crisis grant provided to the artist. The cost of this installation will be \$24,000.

[Casey Parlette | Wood & Metal Sculptures in Laguna Beach](#)



**Charles Gadeken**, ENTWINED: groups of six 5' x 6' and 3' x 2' "shrub" sculptures with LED interactive cubes activated by a QR code. Visitors can move through them and touch the sculptures. During the day the cubes are frosted white, then turn to a whimsical cadence of ever-changing lighting effects in the evening. The installation is intended for December 2024. The cost of this installation will be \$25,000.

[CharlesGadeken.com](http://CharlesGadeken.com)



**Jack Champion, AN ATTEMPTED MURDER:** Two 12' (head to tail) crows weighing 1,000 lbs. each installed close to the edge of the sidewalk on either side of the lawn, facing away from the City Hall entrance. The installation is immediately available for a three-month installation. The cost of this installation will be \$26,000.

[Jack Champion | Smithsonian American Art Museum \(si.edu\)](#)



**Jessica Levine**, FLOBOT: 14' tall x 9' diameter base steel sculpture representing "learning how to flow with all parts of yourself." The sculpture consists of a 10-leg base with "flower piece" top. Available for a three- month installation. Staff are inquiring as to availability and cost and will provide an update at the meeting.

[Monumental Sculpture \(jessicalevine.net\)](http://jessicalevine.net)



**Elizabeth Laul Healy**, DREAM BIG: measures 10' X 71/3' X 5' and created of fiberglass with mirrored glass tiles and stones. The sculpture is immediately available for a two-month exhibition at a cost of \$8,000.

[Elizabeth Laul Healy - Contemporary Art, Paintings, Sculpture](#)





## FOR HEISLER PARK LAWN

**Jen Lewin Studios**, THE LAST OCEAN and URSA MINOR are two installations that will be installed together. Available in winter of 2025.

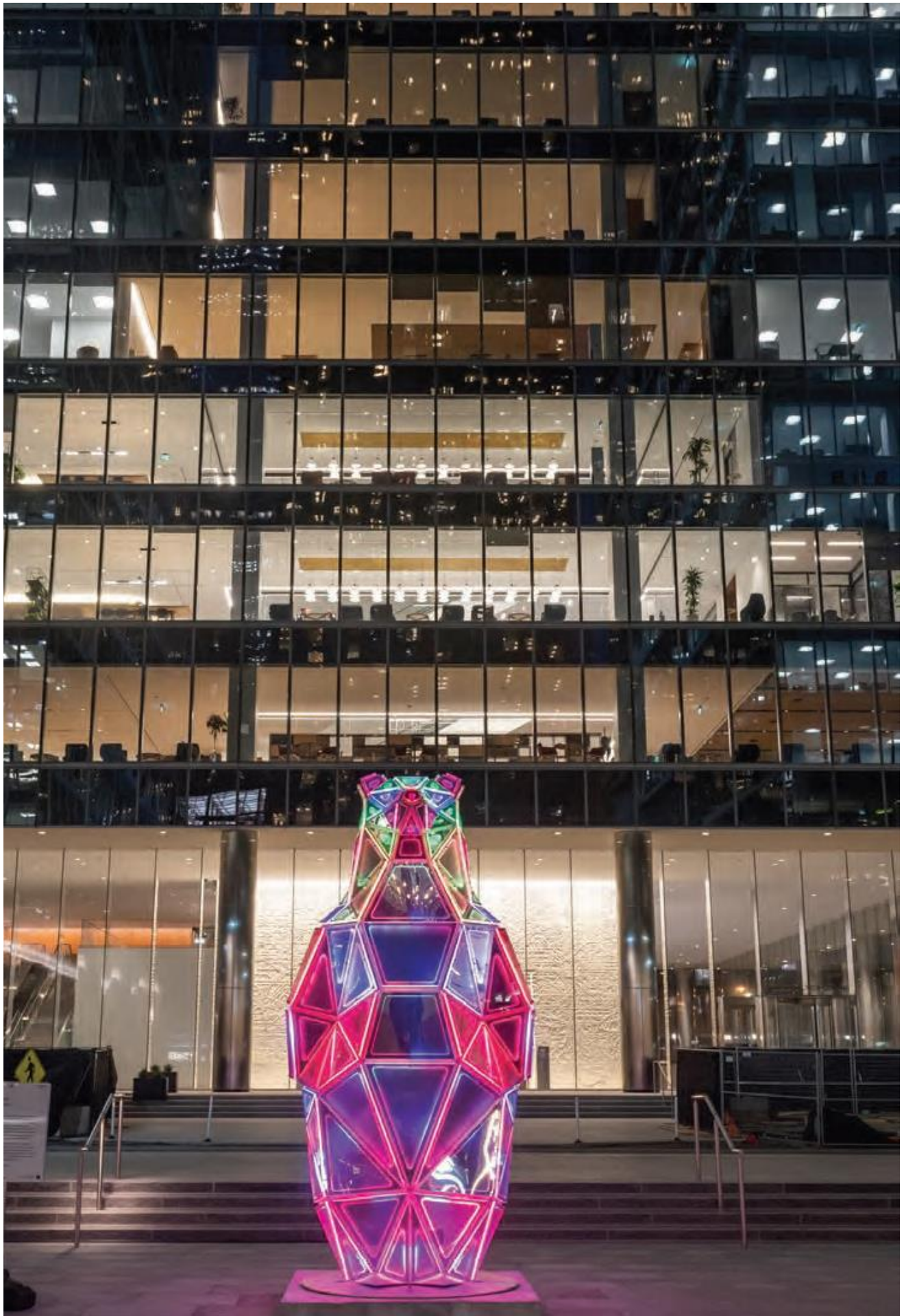
THE LAST OCEAN: is a climate advocacy interactive light landscape. Visitors move across the installation and generate changes in colors and reflections. Designed to fit Heisler site and mirror an actual ice cap formation (project inspired by Ross Ice Shelf in Antarctica). The installation has been created of plastics salvaged from the ocean and resembles ice during the day with a light display at night. URSA MINOR (The Little Dipper): 12' tall x 6' wide 1,500-pound mirrored bear bringing to mind awareness for endangered animals. Mirrors reflect by day. Colorful flowing and interactive LED lights choreography at night.

This is a large installation and costs will be offset through a grant application to the National Endowment for the Arts, donations and/or savings in the Arts Commission budget. The cost of this installation will be \$150,000.

[Jen Lewin Studio – Jen Lewin Studio](#)







## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** February 6, 2024

**TO:** Arts Commission

**FROM:** Siân Poeschl, Arts Manager

**SUBJECT:** Pacific Opera Project (Item D)

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The Arts Commission has engaged the Los Angeles company [Pacific Opera Project](#) on several occasions at Sunset Serenades and a performance of the “Pirates of Penzance” on Saturday, May 13, 2023 at Bluebird Park. Unfortunately, the performance on May 13, 2023 was not well attended and the Arts Commission directed staff to continue to engage the company but explore other presentation venues.

Staff met with colleagues at the Festival of Arts to discuss collaborating on the project. The Arts Commission presented live music at the Festival during the summer in 2021 and 2022 marking the anniversary of the Festival and the Pageant. The Festival staff are supportive of collaborating again with presenting the Pacific Opera Project on their stage on Saturday, August 17, 2024 at 5 p.m. The Arts Commission/City would retain and pay the performers and the Festival would provide the stage, piano, audio services, parking, promotion, and marketing. The performance will be free to Laguna Beach residents and tables and chairs would be on a first come basis.

The proposed collaboration requires the approval of both the Arts Commission and the Festival of Arts Board of Directors. On November 21, 2023, the City Council approved the expenditure of \$25,000 to present the Pacific Opera Project and the Pacific Symphony and authorized the City Manager to approve any revisions to the location and dates of the performances, if required. If approved, staff will provide a memorandum to the City Manager.

**Recommendation:** To approve a collaborative project with the Festival of Arts to present a performance by the Pacific Opera Project on Saturday, August 17, 2024 at 5 p.m. at the Festival of Arts grounds as described.