



## ARTS COMMISSION

Monday, September 9, 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) 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. **2025 Performance Dates** – Discuss and approve live performance dates for 2025. (Commissioner: Kollenda, Staff: McGregor.)
  - B. **2025 City Hall Exhibitions** - Discuss and approve dates and collaborating organizations for City Hall exhibitions. (Commissioner: Ervin, Staff: McGregor)
  - C. **Key Dates List** – Receive updates and review key dates through December 2024. (Commissioner: Ballard, Staff: McGregor)
- 7) Adjournment  
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cc: City Manager, City Clerk, Council Liaison Mayor, Director Transit and Community Services

Post through September 10, 2024



## LAGUNA BEACH ARTS COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

Monday August 26, 2024

Council Chambers

505 Forest Avenue, Laguna Beach, CA 92651

5:00 p.m.

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

**ABSENT:**        **Commissioner:** Michael Ervin.

**STAFF:**         Siân Poeschl, Cultural Arts Manager, Michael McGregor, Arts Program Coordinator, Karen Wood, Public Art Coordinator.

- 1) Donna Ballard called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
- 2) The minutes of the July 22, 2024 Regular Meeting were approved as presented. M/S Smith/Schwerner.
- 3) **Chairs Announcements:** Donna Ballard noted the concluding weekends of the Art Festivals and Pageant of the Masters.
- 4) **Commissioner and Staff Communications:** Pat Kollenda noted the performance of "The Mikado" by the Pacific Opera Company a collaborative event between the City of Laguna Beach and Festival of Arts. Austin Barrow thanked all the volunteers who assist with making the Arts a success in Laguna Beach. Staff Wood thanked Commissioners for attending the public art activation of "An Attempted Murder" by Jack Champion outside City Hall with an event facilitated by the Orange County Bird of Prey Center. Staff McGregor noted the upcoming deadline for the annual "Juried Fine Art Exhibition. Staff Poeschl noted the approval of an Artist Occupancy Permit for Bernhard Alvine, the Council approval of the Art in Public Places project for 1555 South Coast Highway and the Laguna Art Museum "Art and Nature". Staff Poeschl noted a grant application had been submitted to the National Endowment for the Arts "Our Town" opportunity for funding the art relating planning for the permanent Promenade on Forest.
- 5) **Public Communications:** Joy Dittberner, Executive Director of the Laguna Dance Festival thanked the Commission for its generous support and funding of its grant request through Cultural Arts Funding. Ms. Dittberner invited Commissioners to attend its event on September 26, 2024 at the Forum Theatre at the Festival of Arts grounds.
- 6) **A. Cleo Street Art in Public Places** – Following a presentation and discussion a motion was made to 1) approve the proposed scope of work and timeline for the project; 2) approve inviting artist Mike Tauber to submit a proposal for a public art mural for the Cleao Street Beach Access Improvement project with a stipend of \$1,500 for the design; and 3) increase the available budget for the Art in Public Places of \$14,000 by \$11,000 to \$25,000 allocated from the Art in Lieu Fund. M/S Schwerner/Smith. Yes: Ballard, Barrow, Chavel, Kollenda, Ray, Schwerner, Smith. Noes: None.

**B. Public Art at the Glenneyre Parking Structure** – Following a presentation and discussion a motion was made to direct the Public Art Sub-Committee to 1) determine the process of the procurement of public art, projected budget and scope of work; 2) to recommend augmenting the available Art in Public Places amount of \$14,000 from the Art in Lieu Fund to be determined by the sub-committee; and 3) return to the Commission with a recommendation. M/S Kollenda/Schwerner. Yes: Ballard, Barrow, Chavel, Kollenda, Ray, Schwerner, Smith. Noes: None.

**C. Promenade on Forest Temporary Installation** - A motion was made to 1) Allocate \$5,000 from the Arts Commission Special Programs Budget to fund temporary art installations on Forest Avenue; 2) Approve the installation of “Protect Don’t Pollute” by Amy Rose Hammond from September 2, 2024 to December 2, 2024, at a cost of \$5,000; 3) Approve the installation of “Marine Harmony” by Sara Dehghan from March 3, 2025 to June 2, 2025, at a cost of \$5,000. M/S Kollenda/Schwerner. Yes: Ballard, Barrow, Chavel, Kollenda, Ray, Schwerner, Smith. Noes: None.

7) Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

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

**To:** Arts Commission  
**From:** Mike McGregor, Arts Program Coordinator  
**Agenda Item:** 6A  
**Title:** 2025 Performance Dates  
**Location:** Laguna Beach, CA

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**Overview**

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

**Summary of the Matter**

In the current year 2024/25 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, Pacific Opera Project at the Festival of Arts, “On the Go” concert by the Pacif Symphony and an annual performance by Circus Bella.

Dates for Music in the Park, Sunset Serenades and World Music reflect the same number of concerts and similar dates as presented in 2024. The Music in the Park concerts were brought forward a week to reflect the Laguna Beach Unified School District schedule. (June 12, 2025 - LBUSD last day of school - August 21, 2025- LBUSD first day of school.) Circus Bella has confirmed their performance to be held on the first Saturday in June prior to the close of the school season.

It is recommended the Commission approve the following events and dates. Staff will continue to work with the Performance sub-committee in exploring additional live performance experiences for the community.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Time</b>
Sunset Serenade (May)	Heisler Park	May 9, 16, 23, and 30, 2025	6:30 p.m.
World Music Series	Heisler Park	June 6, 13, and 20, 2025	6:30 p.m.
Circus Bella	Bluebird Park	June 7, 2025	1 p.m. & 3 p.m.
Music in the Park	Bluebird Park	July 6, 13, 20, and 27 August 3, 10, and 17, 2025	5 – 7 p.m.
Sunset Serenades (Sept)	Heisler Park	September 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2025	5:30 p.m.
Pacific Symphony	Hesiler Park	October 3, 2025	5:30 p.m.
Promenade on Forest	Forest Ave	Fri/Sat/Sun March – Dec 2025	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:** Michael McGregor, Arts Program Coordinator  
**Agenda Item:** **6B**  
**Title:** 2025 City Hall Exhibitions  
**Location:** City Hall, 505 Forest Avenue

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**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 by local government.

**Summary of the Matter**

The exhibition schedule has been updated for 2025 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: 2025 City Hall Exhibition Schedule



## City Hall Exhibitions 2025

November, 2024 – early January 2025	<b>Festival of Arts Permanent Collection</b>
January 2025 – early March 2025	<b>Laguna College of Art &amp; Design MFA</b>
March 2025 – mid April 2025	<b>Art That’s Small at City Hall</b>
April 2025 – mid-June 2025	<b>The Artist Fund at Festival of Arts</b>
June 2025 – July 2025	<b>Community Art Project</b>
July 2025 – September 2025	<b>Laguna Plein Air Painters Association</b>
September 2025 – November 2025	<b>Juried Fine Art</b>
November 2025 – January 2026	<b>Festival of Arts Permanent Collection</b>
December 1 – 30, 2025	<b>Children’s Holiday Palette Exhibition</b>

**September**

**2024**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 Live music at the Promenade 5:30	6 <b>CITY HALL CLOSED</b> Sunset Serenades (5:30) Live music at the Promenade 5:30	7 Live music at the Promenade 5:30
8 Live music at the Promenade 5:00	9 <b>Deadline: Juried Fine Art</b> De-install Jesse Bartels Arts Commission 5 p.m. Public Art Maintenance	10 Cleo Street Site Visit	11 8 a.m. 911 Memorial	12	13 Sunset Serenades (5:30) Live music at the Promenade 5:30	14 Live music at the Promenade 5:30
15 Live music at the Promenade 5:00	16 Public Art Maintenance	17	18	19	20 <b>CITY HALL CLOSED</b> Sunset Serenades (5:30) Live music at the Promenade 5:30 Remove "Attempted Murder"	21 Live music at the Promenade 5:30 Police Memoria (3 p.m.)
22 Live music at the Promenade 5:00	23 Arts Commission 5 p.m. Juried Fine Art Exhibit.	24	25	26	27 Sunset Serenades (5:30) Live music at the Promenade 5:30	28 Live music at the Promenade 5:30
29 Live music at the Promenade 5:00	30					

**October**

**2024**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Review Banner Collection	2	3 Live music at the Promenade 5:30  Dedication mural on the Promenade	4 <b>CITY HALL CLOSED</b> <u>Sunset Serenades (5:30)</u> Live music at the Promenade 5:30	5 Live music at the Promenade 5:30
6 Live music at the Promenade 5:00	7 <b>Deadline: Palette Competition</b>	8	9	10	11 Live music at the Promenade 5:30	12 Live music at the Promenade 5:30
13 <u>Dabmyla Public Art Activation and Video</u> (TBD)  Live music at the	14 Arts Commission 5 p.m.  Public Art Maintenance	15	16	17	18 <b>CITY HALL CLOSED</b> Live music at the Promenade 5:30	19 Live music at the Promenade 5:30
20 Live music at the Promenade 5:00	21	22	23	24	25 Live music at the Promenade 5:30	26 Live music at the Promenade 5:30
27 Live music at the Promenade 5:00	28 Arts Commission 5 p.m.  Public Art Maintenance	29	30	31		



**November**

**2024**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 CITY HALL CLOSED Live music at the Promenade 5:30 Install "Entwined"	2 Live music at the Promenade 5:30
3 Live music at the Promenade 5:00	4 Public Art Maintenance	5	6	7 Live music at the Promenade 5:30 Reception Juried Fine Art Art & Nature	8 Live music at the Promenade 5:30 Art & Nature	9 Live music at the Promenade 5:30 Art & Nature
10 Live music at the Promenade 5:00 Art & Nature	11 CITY HALL CLOSED Public Art Maintenance	12 City Council – 2025 Performance Dates	13	14	15 CITY HALL CLOSED Live music at the Promenade 5:30	16 Live music at the Promenade 5:30
17 Live music at the Promenade 5:00	18 Deadline: Children's Palettes Public Art Maintenance	19 City Council: 2025 Performance Dates	20	21	22 Live music at the Promenade 5:30	23 Live music at the Promenade 5:30
24 Live music at the Promenade 5:00	25 Arts Commission 5 p.m.	26	27	28 CITY HALL CLOSED	29 CITY HALL CLOSED Live music at the Promenade 5:30	30 Live music at the Promenade 5:30

**December**

**2024**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Live music at the Promenade 5:00 World AIDS Day	2 Public Art Maintenance	3	4	5 Live music at the Promenade 5:30	6 Hospitality Night	7 Live music at the Promenade 5:30
8 Live music at the Promenade 5:00	9 Arts Commission 5 p.m. Public Art Maintenance	10 City Council Meeting Children's Palettes	11	12	13 CITY HALL CLOSED Live music at the Promenade 5:30	14 Live music at the Promenade 5:30
15 Live music at the Promenade 5:00	16	17	18	19	20 Live music at the Promenade 5:30	21 Live music at the Promenade 5:30
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