

TO: CITY ARTS COMMISSION

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TITLE: James Strombotne Exhibition in the Central Library

RECOMMENDATION:

Under the recommendation of the Fine Arts Ad Hoc Sub Committee, staff requests that the Arts Commission approve the work of artist James Strombotne for display in the Central Library gallery space in June and July 2015.

FUNDING REQUIREMENTS:

The funds to hang this art are expended from Account # 4002-8080, "Professional Services".

DISCUSSION:

The City of Newport Beach maintains two exhibit spaces at the Central Library. The Lobby Gallery in the Central Library has approximately 38 feet of linear wall space designed for two-dimensional pieces of art. Additionally, artists may apply to exhibit three-dimensional works in the two display cabinets added to the lobby of Central Library in 2010. The display cases are approximately 24" high x 24" deep x 24" wide.

Artists who want their work considered for display submit a completed *Application for Review and Consideration of Art*.

The Library Services Director manages the gallery space. The City Arts Commission's Fine Arts Ad Hoc Subcommittee meets periodically to review artist's submissions; and notifies artists by mail of acceptance. Staff arranges the hanging of the art.

Fine Arts requests that James Strombotne's work be displayed in June. Mr. Strombotne, whose work was displayed in Central Library during the summer of 2014, will exhibit both paintings and small scale sculpture. His paintings can be found in the permanent collections of museums across the United States, including the Museum of Modern Art in New York, the Whitney Museum of American Art, The Hirshhorn Museum, the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, and the Art Institute of Chicago. His work is also included in many well-known private collections, most notably the Jack Nicholson collection, which includes twenty of Strombotne's major pieces. An artist's reception will be held on June 18th in the Friends Room and Mr. Strombotne will sign copies of his new book, *Strombotne*.

NOTICING:

This agenda item has been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the City Arts Commission considers the item).