



# CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH CITY ARTS COMMISSION AGENDA

Civic Center Council Chambers  
100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660

Thursday, June 14, 2018 - 5:00 PM

## *City Arts Commission Members:*

Judy Chang, Chair  
Arlene Greer, Vice Chair  
Michelle Bendetti, Secretary  
Miriam Baker, Commissioner  
Grace Divine, Commissioner  
Barbara Glabman, Commissioner  
Marie Little, Commissioner

## **Staff Members:**

Tim Hetherton, Library Services Director  
Francine Jacome, Administrative Support Technician

The City Arts Commission meeting is subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act. Among other things, the Brown Act requires that the special meeting City Arts Commission agenda be posted at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting and that the public be allowed to comment on agenda items before the Commission and items not on the agenda but are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the City Arts Commission. The Chair may limit public comments to a reasonable amount of time, generally three (3) minutes per person.

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## **NOTICE REGARDING PRESENTATIONS REQUIRING USE OF CITY EQUIPMENT**

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### **I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

### **II. ROLL CALL**

### **III. PRESENTATION**

#### **1. Presentation of the 2018 Sculpture Photo Contest Winners**

The City Arts Commission will present prizes to the winners the 2018 Sculpture Photo Contest:

- Anita Rasmussen for "Sunset in Newport" (Creativity)
- Barnet Rawitch for "Flying Over Newport" (Sense of Place)
- Gabriel Encinas for "Flying Fish" (Human Element)

**IV. NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

*The City provides a yellow sign-in card to assist in the preparation of the minutes. The completion of the card is not required in order to address the City Arts Commission. If the optional sign-in card has been completed, it should be placed in the tray provided at the podium.*

*The City Arts Commission of Newport Beach welcomes and encourages community participation. Public comments are generally limited to three (3) minutes per person to allow everyone to speak. Written comments are encouraged as well. The City Arts Commission has the discretion to extend or shorten the time limit on agenda or non-agenda items. As a courtesy, please turn cell phones off or set them in the silent mode.*

**V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*Public comments are invited on agenda items. Speakers must limit comments to three (3) minutes. Before speaking, we invite, but do not require, you to state your name for the record. The City Arts Commission has the discretion to extend or shorten the speakers' time limit on agenda items, provided the time limit adjustment is applied equally to all speakers. As a courtesy, please turn cell phones off or set them in the silent mode.*

**VI. CONSENT CALENDAR**

*All matters listed under CONSENT CALENDAR are considered to be routine and will all be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. City Arts Commissioners have received detailed staff reports on each of the items recommending an action. There will be no separate discussion of these items prior to the time the City Arts Commission votes on the motion unless members of the City Arts Commission request specific items to be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Calendar for separate action. Members of the public who wish to discuss a Consent Calendar item should come forward to the lectern upon invitation by the Chair.*

**A. Approval of Minutes of the May 10, 2018, City Arts Commission Meeting**

**2. Draft of 05/10/2018 Minutes**

[06-14-2018 - CAC - 01 Draft Minutes.pdf](#)

**B. Consent Calendar Items**

**3. Financial Report**

Review of financial information.

[06-14-2018 - CAC - 02 Financial Report.pdf](#)

**4. Cultural Arts Activities**

Monthly review of cultural arts activities from the Library Administrative Office for upcoming Library and City arts events and services.

[06-14-2018 - CAC - 03 Cultural Arts Activities for May 2018.pdf](#)

**VII. CURRENT BUSINESS**

**A. Items for Review and Possible Action**

**5. Proposal for Southland Sings Concert in Peninsula Park**

Staff requests that the City Arts Commission approve a recommendation by the Performing Arts on the Balboa Peninsula Ad Hoc Subcommittee for a live performance by Southland Sings on September 23 in Peninsula Park.

[06-14-2018 - CAC - 04 Staff Report Proposal for Southland Sings Concert at Peninsula Park.pdf](#)

**B. Monthly Reports**

**6. Newport Beach Art Exhibition Ad Hoc Subcommittee**

Commissioner Judy Chang, Commissioner Arlene Greer, Commissioner Miriam Baker

**7. Performing Arts Ad Hoc Subcommittee**

Commissioner Judy Chang, Commissioner Arlene Greer, Commissioner Bendetti

**8. Performing Arts on the Balboa Peninsula Ad Hoc Subcommittee**

Commissioner Barbara Glabman, Commissioner Arlene Greer, Commissioner Michelle Bendetti

**9. Art in Public Places Ad Hoc Subcommittee**

Commissioner Judy Chang, Commissioner Arlene Greer, Commissioner Miriam Baker

**VIII. CITY ARTS COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS OR MATTERS WHICH MEMBERS WOULD LIKE PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION, ACTION OR REPORT (NON-DISCUSSION ITEM)**

**IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

*Public comments are invited and non-agenda items generally considered to be within the subject matter jurisdiction of the City Arts Commission. Speakers must limit comments to three (3) minutes. Before speaking, we invite, but do not require, you to state your name for the record. The City Arts Commission has the discretion to extend or shorten the speakers' time limit on agenda or non-agenda items, provided the time limit adjustment is applied equally to all speakers. As a courtesy, please turn cell phones off or set them in the silent mode.*

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Newport Beach City Arts Commission Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, May 10, 2018  
Regular Meeting – 5:00 PM  
Civic Center Council Chambers  
100 Civic Center Drive  
Newport Beach, CA 92660

I. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER** – 5:03 P.M.

II. **ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Arlene Greer, Vice Chair  
Michelle Bendetti, Secretary  
Miriam Baker, Commissioner  
Grace Divine, Commissioner  
Barbara Glabman, Commissioner  
Marie Little, Commissioner

Commissioners Absent: Judy Chang, Chair

Staff Present: Tim Hetheron, Library Services Director  
Francine Jacome, Administrative Support Technician

III. **NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

IV. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jim Mosher commented that the bulk of the items on the agenda were committee reports, on which the public could not really comment until they were presented. He hoped the committee reports would be reports rather than items to be voted on, which were not agendized.

Susan Cramer corrected the March minutes to reflect her comments regarding the City Arts Commission coordinating with the proposed Newport Village development for placement of art. She inquired regarding an opportunity for public input for the fifth Concert on the Green. The City Arts Commission should consider placing art in several new apartment buildings with malls connected to them.

V. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

A. **Approval of Minutes of the March 8, 2018 City Arts Commission Meeting**

1. **Draft of 03/08/2018 Minutes**

Vice Chair Greer requested "which will be paid from the 2018-2019 programming budget" be replaced with "and will be included in the 2018-2019" in Item VI.A.4 on page 2. The final sentence of the first paragraph under Item VI.B.5 should be "[t]wenty percent of sale proceeds returned to the Newport Beach Foundation is to support the City Arts Commission programming." The final paragraph of Item VI.B.5 should be "[i]n answer to questions, Vice Chair Greer clarified that the subcommittee appoints a juror for the Art Exhibition. The juror and subcommittee view artworks received. The juror studies art

works presented the morning of the Art Exhibition and renders a decision. The subcommittee may reject offensive subject matter." The final paragraph of Item VI.B.8 should state "Vice Chair Greer reported the committee has been cautious in its recommendations to exhibit artworks at the Civic Center areas that are exposed to more sunlight than others."

Commissioner Divine requested the second paragraph of Item V.B.3 state "[e]ach lecture will encompass one art piece in the park and cover the inspiration of each artist."

Motion made by Commissioner Baker, seconded by Commissioner Glabman, and carried (6-0-0-1) to approve the draft Minutes for the meeting of March 8, 2018 as amended.

AYES: Greer, Bendetti, Baker, Divine, Glabman, Little  
NOES: None  
ABSTENTIONS: None  
ABSENT: Chang

**B. Consent Calendar Items**

**2. Financial Report - *Review of financial information.***

Library Services Director Hetheron reported accounts are on track to fund all commitments, and the budget is healthy.

In response to Vice Chair Greer's inquiry, Library Services Director Hetheron advised that the City Council has not yet approved funding for the Sculpture Exhibition Phase IV in the upcoming budget. Visit Newport Beach funds are a possible source for the project. Vice Chair Greer encouraged Commissioners to contact the Council to support the project. She thanked Mr. Hetheron for representing the City Arts Commission in budget discussions.

**3. Cultural Arts Activities - *Monthly review of cultural arts activities from the Library Administrative Office for upcoming Library and City arts events and services.***

Library Services Director Hetheron reported many events sponsored by the City Arts Commission are underway. A James Strombotne exhibition is returning to the Central Library in July. *Jolie* magazine held a photo shoot with the Sculpture Exhibition in Civic Center Park. Winners of the photo contest will be announced later in May, and awards may be presented at the June meeting. Commissioners should select three submissions from the ones that received the most votes and provide their selections to Vice Chair Greer. Winners will be printed in the *Indy* and *Daily Pilot*. Commissioner Divine's lecture series on the individual pieces in the Sculpture Exhibition continues at the Central Library. Staff will promote the series more. The series has been well received by the public.

Motion made by Vice Chair Greer, seconded by Commissioner Bendetti, and carried (6-0-0-1) to approve the Consent Calendar.

AYES: Greer, Bendetti, Baker, Divine, Glabman, Little  
NOES: None  
ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Chang

**VI. CURRENT BUSINESS**

**A. Items for Review and Possible Action**

- 4. Newport Beach Arts Foundation Donation** – Staff recommends that the City Arts Commission accept a donation of \$5,000 from the Newport Beach Arts Foundation to sponsor the June 17 Concert on the Green.

Library Services Director Hetherington reported the Newport Beach Arts Foundation has offered to donate \$5,000 to the City Arts Commission to help sponsor the June 17 Concert on the Green. This is a great opportunity for the Arts Foundation to promote its activities and to build community engagement.

Virginia Hayter, Newport Beach Arts Foundation President, added that the Newport Beach Arts Foundation is requesting permission to encourage people in the audience to sponsor a concert. The night of the June 17 concert only, angel pins will be given to anyone who donates \$100 or more, and those donations will go directly to the City Arts Commission.

Motion made by Vice Chair Greer, seconded by Commissioner Glabman, and carried (6-0-0-1) to accept a donation of \$5,000 from the Newport Beach Arts Foundation to sponsor the June 17 Concert on the Green.

AYES: Greer, Bendetti, Baker, Divine, Glabman, Little  
NOES: None  
ABSTENTIONS: None  
ABSENT: Chang

**B. Monthly Reports**

- 5. Newport Beach Art Exhibition Ad Hoc Subcommittee** – Commissioner Judy Chang, Commissioner Arlene Greer, Commissioner Miriam Baker

Janis Dinwiddie, Dinwiddie Events, reported the Art Exhibition will include food service and a wine and beer garden. Following presentation of awards, lemonade and cookies will be complimentary for the public. She is working with Art in Motion for Kids to provide children's art activities.

Vice Chair Greer advised that the event is being promoted in *The Navigator*, *Local Arts*, *Newport Beach Independent*, *Current*, *The Times-Orange County*, and the *Daily Pilot*, emails, Facebook and Instagram posts, and City facilities. Commissioner Baker is working on providing a resident sculptor for the event. There should be a resident painter onsite as well. She thanked the Arts Foundation for their donation of \$2,000 to the City Arts Commission to help pay for the services of a photographer and a step and repeat. Artists will submit their work on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. Throughout the day, members of the Arts Foundation will conduct sales of the art. Twenty percent of sales are given to the Newport Beach Arts Foundation, and those funds support the City Arts Commission's arts programming.

Commissioner Divine volunteered to be resident sculptor for the event should Commissioner Baker's sculptor not be available. Vice Chair Greer requested she meet with Commissioner Baker for further discussion.

**6. Performing Arts Ad Hoc Subcommittee** – Commissioner Judy Chang, Commissioner Arlene Geer, Commissioner Michelle Bendetti

Commissioner Bendetti thanked the Newport Beach Arts Foundation for sponsoring the June 17 Concert on the Green, and clarified that although there several musicians in both groups, the Frank Sinatra Big Band and the Tijuana Dogs are different bands.

Vice Chair Greer attended the Corona del Mar Residents Association annual meeting where people were very excited about the Tijuana Dogs and Sinatra concerts.

**7. Performing Arts on the Balboa Peninsula Ad Hoc Subcommittee** – Commissioner Barbara Glabman, Commissioner Arlene Greer, Commissioner Michelle Bendetti

Commissioner Glabman reported Southland Sings will perform on September 23 at 5:00 p.m. Four singers and five musicians will entertain for approximately 90 minutes.

**8. Sculpture in Civic Center Park Exhibition Phase IV Ad Hoc Subcommittee** – Commissioner Arlene Greer, Commissioner Judy Chang, Commissioner Miriam Baker

Vice Chair Greer reported the committee will meet soon.

Commissioner Glabman reported the deadline for submitting entries to the photo contest has passed. There are many exciting submissions. Fifteen of the 200 submissions are available for Commissioners to select three. She hoped to have one winner that provides a sense of place, one that is artistic, and one that includes people in the photo. She requested Commissioners utilize their social media to direct people to view the submissions.

**VII. CITY ARTS COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS OR MATTERS WHICH MEMBERS WOULD LIKE PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION, ACTION OR REPORT (NON-DISCUSSION ITEM)**

Vice Chair Greer announced the Newport Beach Arts Foundation and the City Arts Commission are invited to a private tour of the Hilbert Museum.

Library Services Director Hetherington agreed to organize the time and date of a tour.

Vice Chair Greer noted the Art Exhibition call for artists closes on May 25. She requested Commissioners encourage artists to apply; to spread cards around town; and to assist with the event.

**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**IX. ADJOURNMENT – 5:42 P.M.**

Vice Chair Greer adjourned the meeting at 5:42 p.m.



Cultural Arts Division			2017-2018				
As of May 31, 2018							
ACCT #	ACCT NAME	BUDGET	DATE	VENDOR	EXPENSES	BALANCE	NOTES
	<b>Programming</b>	<b>95,000</b>					
			07/06	Alliant Insurane	1,885	93,115	Pacific Symphony Concert
			07/06	Alliant Insurane	1,715	91,400	Other Summer Concerts
			07/06	Jason Weeks	3,500	87,900	Flashback Heart Attack
			07/06	Triskelion Events	2,559	85,341	Flashback Heart Attack
			07/14	Pacific Symphony	50,000	35,341	Pacific Symphony Concert
			08/06	Matthew B. Mauser	3,250	32,091	Tijuana Dogs
			08/06	Triskelion Events	2,559	29,532	Tijuana Dogs
			08/04	Signature Party Rental	720	28,812	Chairs
			08/11	Lyons Security	293	28,519	Concert Security
			08/18	Cyprus College	5,000	23,519	Night Shift
			08/11	Bungalow Restaurant	750	22,769	Art Exhibition
			09/15	Staff Overtime	1,430	21,339	Summer Concerts
			10/20	LATimes	165	21,174	Advertising
			10/20	ABM	640	20,534	Addl hrs request-all events
			10/27	Pacific Symphony	250	20,284	PSYE Honorarium (Sculpture)
			10/31	Got Print	474	19,810	Marketing materials
			11/02	Signature Party Rental	448	19,362	Sculpture Garden Event
		25,000	11/17	Transfer from Grants		44,362	
			05/04	Mark Kaufman	650	43,712	Advertising Art Exhibition
			04/13	Display	530	43,182	Detached sculpture from floor
			04/20	Dinwiddie Events	800	42,382	Deposit for Art Exhibition svcs
			04/30	Got Print	398	41,984	Marketing materials
			05/01	Matthew B. Mauser	7,500	34,484	Sinatra Big Band
	<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>34,484</b>	
	<b>Professional Services</b>	<b>40,000</b>					
			07/14	Ross Brian Lloyd	100	39,900	Monthly Storage July
			07/24	Display	4,605	35,295	Cows4Camp De-Installation
			08/04	Dinwiddie Events	1,491	33,804	Pacific Symphony Concert
			08/11	TAVD Visual Asst	104	33,700	Transcription of Minutes
			09/22	TAVD Visual Asst	290	33,410	Transcription of Minutes
			09/22	TAVD Visual Asst	248	33,162	Transcription of Minutes
			10/13	City of Newport Beach	1,102	32,060	Security @ Concert Sept
			10/13	City of Newport Beach	1,259	30,801	Security @ Concert July
			10/13	City of Newport Beach	1,870	28,931	Security @ Concert PS
			10/06	ABM	560	28,371	Cleaning @ Concerts July
			10/06	Crown Building Services	656	27,715	Cleaning Carlson Statue
			10/06	TAVD Visual Asst	117	27,598	Transcription of Minutes
			10/20	ABM	350	27,248	Cleaning @ Art in the Park
			10/30	ABM	215	27,033	Sculpture Garden Opening
			11/03	Dinwiddie Events	1,358	25,675	Sculpture Garden Opening
			11/10	ABM	320	25,355	Cleaning @ Concert Aug
			11/17	Display	3,310	22,045	Transportation
			12/05	Unnasch, Karl	3,800	18,245	Lighting of Sculpture
			12/05	TAVD Visual Asst	248	17,997	Transcription of Minutes
			01/02	Image360	195	17,802	Sculpture plaques
			01/02	Image360	195	17,607	Sculpture plaques
			01/12	Crown Building Services	656	16,951	Cleaning Carlson Statue
			01/19	Alan Scott	302	16,649	Art Installation
			01/26	TAVD Visual Asst	128	16,521	Transcription of Minutes
			01/31	Academy Electric	5,800	10,721	Lighting of Sculpture
			02/09	City of Newport Beach	81	10,640	Petty Cash reimbursement
			02/16	TAVD Visual Asst	34	10,606	Transcription of Minutes

Cultural Arts Division		2017-2018					
As of May 31, 2018							
ACCT #	ACCT NAME	BUDGET	DATE	VENDOR	EXPENSES	BALANCE	NOTES
			03/23	TAVD Visual Asst	131	10,476	Transcription of Minutes
			04/13	Crown Building Services	656	9,820	Cleaning Carlson Statue
			04/20	TAVD Visual Asst	104	9,716	Transcription of Minutes
			05/25	Alan Scott	370	9,346	Art Installation
	<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>9,346</b>	
	<b>City Grants</b>	<b>40,000</b>					
			11/17	Transfer to Programming	25,500	14,500	
			12/08	Balboa Island Improvement	1,000	13,500	
			12/08	Chuck Jones Center	1,000	12,500	
			01/04	NB Film Festival	7,500	5,000	
			01/04	OCMA	5,000	0	
	<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>0</b>	
	<b>Sculpture Garden</b>	<b>100,000</b>					
	(Contract Art Services)		08/22	Arts OC	5,000	95,000	
			09/15	Crawley, Luke	2,500	92,500	Phase II Honorarium (2nd half)
			09/15	Petersson, B	1,750	90,750	Phase II Honorarium (2nd half)
			09/15	Markessinis, D	2,250	88,500	Phase II Honorarium (2nd half)
			09/15	Charzewski, J	1,500	87,000	Phase II Honorarium (2nd half)
			09/15	Capps, K	2,500	84,500	Phase II Honorarium (2nd half)
			09/15	Irish, G	2,150	82,350	Phase II Honorarium (2nd half)
			09/15	Hamilton, E	2,550	79,800	Phase II Honorarium (2nd half)
			09/15	Lt Mustardseed	2,500	77,300	Phase II Honorarium (2nd half)
			09/15	Warren Techentin Arch	2,500	74,800	Phase II Honorarium (2nd half)
			09/25	Arts OC	20,848	53,952	Phase II De-installation
			10/20	Gray, C.R.	2,750	51,202	Phase III Honorarium (1st half)
			10/20	Debold, C	2,250	48,952	Phase III Honorarium (1st half)
			10/20	Boyer, D	1,675	47,277	Phase III Honorarium (1st half)
			10/20	Lobykin, O	3,000	44,277	Phase III Honorarium (1st half)
			10/20	Rieman, S	1,641	42,636	Phase III Honorarium (1st half)
			10/20	Merigian, J.	2,134	40,503	Phase III Honorarium (1st half)
			10/20	Quinlan, S	3,000	37,503	Phase III Honorarium (1st half)
			10/20	Unnasch, K	3,000	34,503	Phase III Honorarium (1st half)
			10/20	Vader, P	3,000	31,503	Phase III Honorarium (1st half)
			02/10	Arts OC	15,000	16,503	
	<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>16,503</b>	

**TO** Newport Beach City Arts Commission

**FROM:** Library Services Department  
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**PREPARED BY:** Tim Hetherton

**TITLE:** Cultural Arts Activities for May 2018

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### **2018 Sculpture Photo Contest**

To encourage the public awareness of the Sculpture Exhibition in Civic Center Park, the City Arts Commission recently sponsored a photography contest. The winning entries were selected from over 200 photographs that were submitted showing one or more of the sculptures on display in the Sculpture in Civic Center Park Exhibition. According to contest committee chair, Commissioner Barbara Glabman, "Selecting winners was a difficult task. We appreciated the participation by so many talented individuals of all ages and we were impressed by the diversity of style and originality in the submissions."

The Newport Beach City Arts Commission is pleased to recognize the following individuals for their outstanding entries to the 2018 Sculpture Photo Contest, who were selected for the best representation of the following three categories:

**Creativity:  
"Sunset in Newport" by Anita Rasmussen**



**Sense of Place:  
"Flying Over Newport" by Barnet Rawitch**



**Human Element:  
"Flying Fish" by Gabriel Encinas**



Prizes include gift certificates donated by local restaurants Modo Mio Rustic Italian Kitchen, Bluewater Grill, and Bistango, and will be awarded at the June 14, 2018 City Arts Commission meeting.

The winning photographs, along with other entries, are currently displayed on the City's Cultural Arts website: <http://www.newportbeachca.gov/Home/Components/PhotoAlbum/PhotoAlbum/77/2556>

## Uncommon Goods: Artist Book as Object

The Newport Beach City Arts Commission hosted an exhibition featuring a reinterpretation of the book by 25 University of California, Irvine student artists. Students researched the history and creative production of the artist's books at the special collections department of UCI's Langston Library. There they explored the infinite possibilities of constructing and organizing data, or in some cases interweaving visual narratives, using unusual materials, color, line, and form. Their collective activity underscores what Johanna Drucker, visual theorist and cultural critic, suggests that "artist's books became a developed art form in the 20th century. In many ways, one could argue that the artist's book is the quintessential 20th-century art form. Artists' books appear in every significant movement in art and literature and have provided a unique means of realizing works within all of the many avant-gardes, experimental, and independent groups whose contributions have defined the shape of 20th-century artistic activity."



The exhibition was on display on the 2nd floor of the Central Library from April 7 through May 5, 2018.

## Sculpture Lecture Series: a look at the artists and works of Phase III of the Sculpture in Civic Center Park Exhibition

City Arts Commissioner Grace Divine – artist, art lover, historian and critic – hosted the latest installment of her 9-part series of lectures on Phase III of the Sculpture at Civic Center Park Exhibition. Each lecture will cover a different sculptor, and will include the artist's history and inspiration, as well as a look into the art style, technique and process used to create the art. On May 7, Grace discussed *Cultural Pedestrians* by Sue Quinlan.

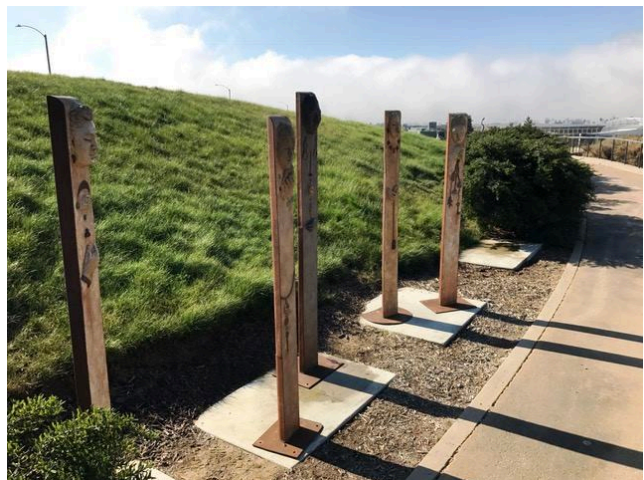
Upcoming lectures in the series:

### 2018

- Jun 4 *Be Still and Know* by John Merigian
- Aug 6 *Cosmic Glints* by Patricia Vader
- Sep 10 *Burnt Matchstick* by Karl Unnasch
- Oct 1 *Life is a Balancing Act* by Cindy Debold

### 2019

- Jan 7 *Popsicles* by Craig Gray
- Feb 4 *No Swimming* by Oleg Lobykin,
- Mar 4 *Flight* by Steven Rieman



## An Evening with James and Emily Strombotne

On May 24, in the Friends Room, James and Emily Strombotne discussed their collaboration on his latest book, "Behind the Brushstrokes". The Strombotnes have collaborated to create a visually beautiful and thought-provoking art book. *Behind the Brushstrokes* dives deeply beneath the surface of a collection of hand-selected paintings to find inspiration and insights into life.



In *Behind the Brushstrokes*, James and Emily have created a touching narrative about fathers and daughters, about life and art, and about strength and confidence.

James S. Strombotne is an acclaimed American painter and Newport Beach resident. Strombotne notes some of his early influences as Jan Vermeer and Pablo Picasso, yet states his work transcends any traditional categorization. Described as "visionary" and "poetic", Strombotne strives to master the medium portrayed in a truly contemporary composition.

Strombotne's 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.

The exhibition of Strombotne's work is presented by the Newport Beach City Arts Commission and will be on display May 7 through July 6, 2018.

### Central Library Gallery Exhibitions

The following artists have been approved by the City Arts Commission to display their work in the Central Library gallery space:

INSTALL	DE-INSTALL	ARTIST
05/07/2018	07/06/2018	James Strombotne
07/09/2018	09/07/2018	Diana Blaisure
09/10/2018	11/02/2018	Iriet Peshkess
11/05/2018	01/04/2019	Diana Ghoukassian
01/07/2019	03/01/2019	Gianne De Genevraye
03/04/2019	05/03/2019	Joe Cladis
05/06/2019	07/05/2019	Raphael Cohen Bacry
07/08/2019	09/06/2019	Ed Olen

**TO** Newport Beach City Arts Commission

**FROM:** Library Services Department  
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**PREPARED BY:** Tim Hetherton

**TITLE:** Proposal for Southland Sings Concert in Peninsula Park

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff requests that the City Arts Commission approve a recommendation by the Performing Arts on the Balboa Peninsula Ad Hoc Subcommittee for a live performance by Southland Sings on September 23 in Peninsula Park.

**FUNDING REQUIREMENTS:**

The proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2018/19 allocates \$15,500 from the Balboa Performing Arts Theater Fund to the City Arts Commission budget.

**DISCUSSION:**

In May 2015, the Balboa Performing Arts Theater Foundation dissolved and distributed their remaining assets, \$175,000, to the Newport Beach Arts Foundation with the stipulation that the City Arts Commission use the money for performing arts in the City of Newport Beach with a preference for the Balboa Peninsula.

Staff met with the City Manager and Finance Department staff for budget discussions in January 2018. On behalf of the City Arts Commission, staff requested funding from the Balboa Performing Arts Theater Foundation Fund to contract live Shakespeare performances. This request was included in the City Manager's proposed budget, which Council will review for approval on June 12.

The Ad Hoc Subcommittee was unable to identify a suitable vendor for Shakespeare performances, and the committee focused on live musical theater instead. The committee identified Southland Sings, who in previous years received Cultural Arts grant funding from the City Arts Commission and performed in the Civic Green as part of the Concerts on the Green series in 2014, as a potential vendor.

Southland Sings is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) corporation dedicated to providing live opera and musical theatre productions, educational assemblies and music composition workshops for children and adults of all ages.

Meetings with Southland Sings Artistic Director Ann Noriel, the Ad Hoc Subcommittee, and staff were productive. Southland Sings has agreed to perform a repertoire of musical theater for a fee of \$7,450, which will include six vocalists, the band, and all rehearsal, musical direction, and rehearsal site rental. Staff will contract sound engineering and staging, and will market the event.

Staff has reserved Peninsula Park for Sunday, September 23.

Staff will contract Southland Sings pending approval of the Fiscal Year 2018/19 budget.

**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).