

Memo

To: City Arts Commission
From: Art Exhibition Ad Hoc Subcommittee
Date: Thursday, July 2, 2026
Re: Art Exhibition Ad Hoc Subcommittee report

The Art Exhibition Ad Hoc Subcommittee met to discuss the 59th Annual Newport Beach Art Exhibition. As of July 2, there are 137 artists approved for the exhibition, contributing 247 pieces of art.

The guest juror for the 59th Annual Art Exhibition will be Julia Perlin Lee, the Executive Director of Laguna Art Museum. Perlin Lee has held leadership roles at major Southern California museums spanning art, history, and civic life, including the Bowers Museum, Catalina Island Museum, and now Laguna Art Museum.

BSide, the band present at last year's Art Exhibition will return this year.

All Commissioners are strongly encouraged to volunteer on Friday, August 14 and Saturday, August 15 to assist with art check-in, working the welcome table and answering questions, and assisting with artist checkout at the end of the Exhibition.

Volunteer hours are as follows:

- Friday, August 14 from 3:00-6:00 p.m.
- Saturday, August 15 from 7:00-9:30 a.m.
12:00-5:00 p.m.
5:00-8:00 p.m.

Please contact staff with your availability for the dates and times listed above.