



# CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH CITY ARTS COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

June 11, 2026  
Agenda Item No. 7

**TO:** CITY ARTS COMMISSION

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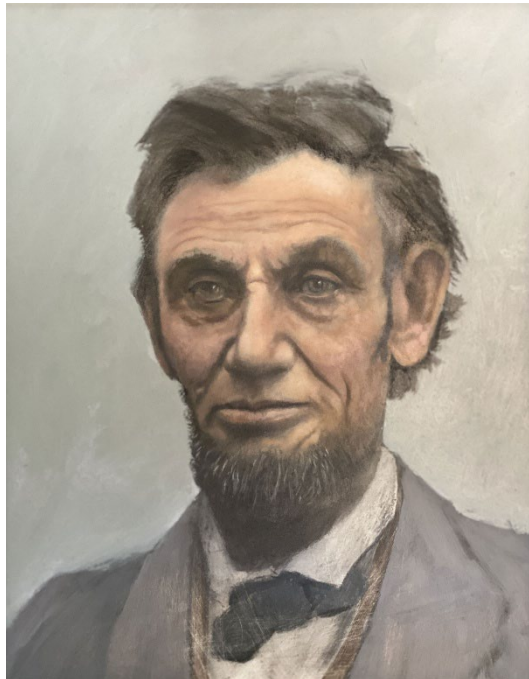
**TITLE:** Cultural Arts Activities – May 2026

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## CENTRAL LIBRARY GALLERY EXHIBITS

Dennis Carrie: Portraits of Integrity

April 6, 2026 - May 29, 2026, Central Library



The paintings and drawings in this show are portraits of human beings whose lives were defined by exceptional character and integrity. Today, pressures of social media have led many of us toward the admiration of those obtaining notoriety with very little accomplishment. The subjects in these portraits provide an opportunity for the viewer to contemplate a sampling of historical figures whose value was not based on a number of followers or any type of popular approval rating, but rather on extraordinary accomplishments. These are Portraits of Integrity. Their contributions to all humanity, past and present, remind us how good character can elevate and enhance all our lives.

Mr. Carrie's work has been exhibited in more than 50 juried shows in Southern California and across the nation. He has won awards from the Irvine Fine Arts Center Annual art show, the Oceanside Museum of Art Artists Alliance Biennial show, and the University of North Carolina, Asheville annual Drawing Discourse, an international juried show. He has had solo shows at the John Wayne Airport, Orange County, and at the Mission Viejo Library, Mission Viejo. He is an Artist Member of the California Art Club and has exhibited in their annual Gold Medal Show on two occasions. He has also had the honor of exhibiting in the Laguna Beach Festival of Arts for six seasons.

Mr. Carrie earned an MFA degree from the Laguna College of Art + Design in 2010. Currently, he is teaching portrait drawing for the City of San Clemente.

### Upcoming Installations

#### **2026**

- June 1 - July 31: Kathy Kehoe Bambeck (Vintage Balboa Paintings)
- August 3 - September 25: Lawrence Sherwin (Photography)
- September 28-November 20: Roy Gunthier (Photography)
- November 23-January 15: Kathy Kehoe Bambeck (Gilded Art Paintings)

#### **2027**

- January 18 - March 12: Jim Doody (Route 66 Paintings)
- March 15 - May 7: Elena Kealy ("Before and After" Series - Paintings)

#### **CULTURAL ARTS CALENDER OF EVENTS:**

City Arts Commission (CAC) meetings are held at 5 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month.

- **2025-26 CAC Regular Monthly Meetings:**
  - June 11, 2026
- **2026-27 CAC Regular Monthly Meetings:**
  - July 9, 2026
  - August 13, 2026
  - September 10, 2026
  - October 8, 2026
  - November 12, 2026
  - December 10, 2026

#### **CULTURAL ARTS GRANTS:**

At the May 14, 2026, regular City Arts Commission meeting, the winners of the 2026 Cultural Arts Grants were invited to receive their grants and take pictures with the Commission.



**CONCERTS ON THE GREEN:**

The 2026 Summer Concerts on the Green kicks off on July 19, 2026, at 6 p.m. with Redneck Rodeo.



Calling themselves the “America's country band,” Redneck Rodeo brings the heart of country music onstage with energetic performances. Playing through the top country hits of the last six decades, their sets get the crowds singing and dancing in true honky-tonk fashion.

- Pacific Symphony – Sunday, August 9, 5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- Flashback Heart Attack – Sunday, September 13, 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**ART WEEK**

Sunday, August 9 – Saturday, August 15

- 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Newport Beach Art Exhibition – Saturday, August 15, 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.

**MARINA PARK CONCERT**

- Diego’s Garage – Sunday, October 11, 4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

**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).