



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH CITY ARTS COMMISSION AGENDA

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

Thursday, June 12, 2025 - 5:00 PM

City Arts Commission Members:

**Melissa Kandel, Chair
John Blom, Vice Chair
Heather Ignatin, Secretary
Maureen Flanagan, Commissioner
Barbara George, Commissioner
Vacant, Commissioner
Vanessa Moore, Commissioner**

Staff Members:

**Rebecca Lightfoot, Library Services Manager
Camille Escareal-Garcia, Cultural Arts Assistant**

The City Arts Commission meeting is subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act. Among other things, the Brown Act requires that the City Arts Commission agenda be posted at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of each regular 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.

The public can submit questions and comments in writing for the City Arts Commission to consider. Please send them by email to the Library Services Department at ArtsCommission@newportbeachca.gov by Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. to give the City Arts Commissioners time to consider your comments. All emails will be made part of the record.

The City of Newport Beach's goal is to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in all respects. If, as an attendee or a participant at this meeting, you will need special assistance beyond what is normally provided, we will attempt to accommodate you in every reasonable manner. Please contact Melissa Hartson, Library Services Director, at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting to inform us of your particular needs and to determine if accommodation is feasible at (949) 717-3801 or mhartson@newportbeachca.gov.

NOTICE REGARDING PRESENTATIONS REQUIRING USE OF CITY EQUIPMENT

Any presentation requiring the use of the City of Newport Beach's equipment must be submitted to the Library Services Department 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. PRESENTATION

1. Presentation of the FY 2024-25 Cultural Arts Grants

The City Arts Commission presents the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Cultural Arts Grant awards:

- Backhausdance (\$4,000)
- Balboa Island Improvement Association (BIIA) (\$3,000)
- Baroque Music Festival, Corona del Mar (CdM) (\$4,000)
- Emerald Magic Events, Inc. (\$2,000)
- Friends of the Newport Theatre Arts Center (\$5,000)
- Pacific Chorale (\$3,500)
- Pacific Symphony (\$5,000)
- South Coast Repertory (\$3,500)

V. 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.

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.

VI. 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.

VII. 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 8, 2025, City Arts Commission

2. Draft of the 05/08/2025 Minutes

[Draft of 05-08-2025 Meeting Minutes](#)

B. Consent Calendar Items

3. Financial Report

Review of financial information.

[May Financial Report](#)

4. Cultural Arts Activities

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

[Cultural Arts Activities](#)

VIII. CURRENT BUSINESS

A. Items for Review and Possible Action

5. Student Poetry Contest

Review and discuss the Music and Live Entertainment Ad Hoc Subcommittee suggestions for creating a student poetry contest.

[Student Poetry Contest Staff Report](#)

6. Ben Did Go 10.0 Paddle Event Concert

Review, discuss, and approve the Music and Live Entertainment Ad Hoc Subcommittee suggestion for selecting a band to perform at the Ben Did Go 10.0 paddle event on Saturday, September 13, 2025.

[Ben Did Go Paddle Out Concert Staff Report](#)

B. Monthly Reports

Monthly reports will be provided by active ad hoc subcommittees.

7. Art in Public Places Ad Hoc Subcommittee

Vice Chair Blom, Commissioner Flanagan, Commissioner Moore

8. Art Week Ad Hoc Subcommittee

Chair Kandel, Secretary Ignatin, Commissioner Moore

9. Music and Live Entertainment Ad Hoc Subcommittee

Chair Kandel, Secretary Ignatin, Commissioner Flanagan

10. Newport Beach Art Exhibition Ad Hoc Subcommittee

Vice Chair Blom, Commissioner George, Commissioner Moore

11. Public Relations and Marketing Ad Hoc Subcommittee

Chair Kandel, Vice Chair Blom, Secretary Ignatin

12. Sculpture Exhibition Ad Hoc Subcommittee

Chair Kandel, Vice Chair Blom, Secretary Ignatin

13. Student Art Exhibition Ad Hoc Subcommittee

None

14. Newport Beach Arts Foundation Liaison

Commissioner Moore

15. Historical Resources Liaison

Vice Chair Blom

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

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Public comments are invited on 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.

XI. ADJOURNMENT