



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH CITY ARTS COMMISSION AGENDA

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

Thursday, May 14, 2026 - 5:00 PM

City Arts Commission Members:

Heather Ignatin, Chair
Vanessa Moore, Vice Chair
David Anastos, Commissioner
John Blom, Commissioner
Cory Glass, Commissioner
Tiare Meegan, Commissioner
Laurel Tippett, Commissioner

Staff Members:

Melissa Hartson, Library Services Director
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, May 13, 2026 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 Rebecca Lightfoot, Library Services Manager, 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 rlightfoot@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 2025-26 Cultural Arts Grants

- Backhausdance (\$4,000)
- Baroque Music Festival, Corona del Mar (\$4,500)
- Choral Arts Initiative (\$3,000)
- Emerald Magic Events, Inc. (\$4,000)
- Pacific Chorale (\$5,000)
- Pacific Symphony (\$5,000)
- South Coast Repertory (\$3,000)
- Wildlife Jewels (\$1,500)

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. 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. Consent Calendar Items

2. Minutes of the April 9, 2026, City Arts Commission

[Draft of CAC 04-09-2026 Meeting Minutes](#)

3. Financial Report

Review of financial information.

[Financial Report](#)

VII. CURRENT BUSINESS

A. Items for Review and Possible Action

4. Application for Review and Consideration of Art -Confluence #102 by Catherine Daley

Staff recommend that the City Arts Commission review and approve the Art in Public Places Ad Hoc Subcommittee's recommendation to reject an application to purchase Catherine Daley's *Confluence #102*.

[Catherine Daley - Confluence 102 Application - Staff Report Attachment A](#)

5. Application for Review and Consideration of Art - Newport by James Jarvis

Staff recommend that the City Arts Commission review and reject the Art in Public Places Ad Hoc Subcommittee's recommendation to accept an application for donation of *Newport* by artist James Jarvis, donated by Courtney Watson.

[James Jarvis - Application for Review - Staff Report Attachment A](#)

6. Seagulls in Flight Recast

Staff recommend that the City Arts Commission review and discuss the Art in Public Places Ad Hoc Subcommittee's recommendation to allocate funds to recast *Seagulls in Flight* in bronze and store the original piece to prevent further damage. Staff are requesting approval to move forward with either recasting or repairing the piece.

[Seagulls in Flight Recast - Staff Report](#)

7. Central Library Gallery Exhibit Recommendations

Staff recommend that the City Arts Commission approve the recommendations made by the Art in Public Places Ad Hoc Subcommittee to approve exhibitions by Sandy Clark and Claire Miller in the Central Library lobby gallery space.

[Central Library Gallery Exhibit Recommendations - Staff Report Attachment A Attachment B](#)

8. Central Library Gallery Exhibits Additional Artwork

Staff recommend that the City Arts Commission approve the recommendations made by the Art in Public Places Ad Hoc Subcommittee to approve additional artwork to be exhibited by artists Jim Doody and Lawrence Sherwin in the Central Library lobby gallery space.

[Central Library Gallery Exhibit Additional Artwork - Staff Report Attachment A Attachment B](#)

9. 2026 Student Art Exhibition Timeline and Program Changes

The Student Art Exhibition Ad Hoc Subcommittee recommends that the City Arts Commission review and approve the timeline and program changes for the 2026 Student Art Exhibition.

[2026 Student Art Exhibition Staff Report](#)

10. 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 - April 2026](#)

B. Monthly Reports

11. Art in Public Places Ad Hoc Subcommittee

Commissioner Anastos, Commissioner Meegan

12. Art Week Ad Hoc Subcommittee

Chair Ignatin, Vice Chair Moore, Commissioner Glass

[Art Week Ad Hoc Subcommittee Memo](#)

13. Music and Live Entertainment Ad Hoc Subcommittee

Chair Ignatin, Vice Chair Moore, Commissioner Glass

14. Newport Beach Art Exhibition Ad Hoc Subcommittee

Chair Ignatin, Vice Chair Moore

15. Public Relations and Marketing Ad Hoc Subcommittee

Chair Ignatin, Vice Chair Moore, Commissioner Glass

16. Sculpture Exhibition Ad Hoc Subcommittee

Chair Ignatin, Commissioner Blom

17. Student Art Exhibition Ad Hoc Subcommittee

Commissioner Anastos, Commissioner Meegan, Commissioner Tippet

18. Newport Beach Arts Foundation Liaison

Vice Chair Moore

19. Historical Resources Liaison

Commissioner Blom

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 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.

X. ADJOURNMENT