

February 12, 2026  
Agenda Item No. 6

**TO:** CITY ARTS COMMISSION

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### CENTRAL LIBRARY GALLERY EXHIBITS

Hugo Zhang presents *Hugo's World: Silver Gelatin Contact Prints*  
December 15, 2025 – February 6, 2026, Central Library



One of the few obsessions in Hugo's life is making photographic images with his wooden cameras. He likes to roam around and let his gaze linger upon faces, flowers, trees, waters, sea rocks and clouds. Shifting lights and shadows often play magic upon things. When he sets up his camera and studies the reflected images on the ground glass under the dark cloth, it appears things come alive and reveal themselves in moments of silence.

Hugo's way of image making is old and pure: each image is captured by a sheet of silver film in the camera by a click of shutter. That sheet of film is developed in the darkroom and then pressed onto a sheet of silver paper and contact printed. There are no enlargements and no digital processing. Straightforward and simple. By capturing their images on silver paper, he hopes to bear witness to their unique glory.

As an artist, Hugo is always on a journey of exploration and discovery. His goal is to make ordinary things extraordinary. He hopes that viewers of these images can share his joy of these discoveries.

### Upcoming Installations

#### **2026**

- February 9 - April 3: Soung Park (Digital Photography)
- April 6 - May 29: Dennis Carrie (Historical Figures/Portrait Painting)

**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:**

- February 12, 2026
- March 12, 2026
- April 9, 2026
- May 14, 2026
- June 11, 2026

**CULTURAL ARTS GRANTS:**

City Council will hear the Commission's recommendation for the Cultural Arts Grants at their February 24, 2026, meeting.

**MAYOR'S EGG RACE:**

City Arts Commissioners are invited to attend the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Mayor's Egg Race on Saturday, March 28, 2026, at the Civic Center Green. The Arts Commission is hosting a Spin Art Booth.

**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).