



## Monthly Memo

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# June 2017

Documenting events, activities and projects for the Arts Commission

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## Update from the Executive Director

I am pleased to share that on Monday, June 26, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved funding for five recommendations included in the Cultural Equity and Inclusion Initiative (CEII) [report](#) released by the Arts Commission in April 2017.

The recommendations receiving funding include:

- Development of a Los Angeles County Cultural Policy
- Requirement for cultural organizations that contract with the County to include statements, policies or plans for cultural equity
- Expansion of college arts pathways through paid arts internships for community college students;
- Development of teen arts pathways to create access to work-based learning opportunities for teens;
- Placement of artists to work cross-sector to address social problems.

Additionally, on March 14, 2017, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved [a motion](#) to implement a private developer requirement for civic art in the unincorporated areas which is an additional CEII recommendation.

In the coming months staff will work with the CEII Advisory Committee, Arts Commissioners and Board offices to begin implementating these recommendations.



## Arts Education

On June 15, the Los Angeles County Arts Education Collective (Arts Ed Collective), formerly Arts for All, marked 15 years of significant progress in advancing arts education across the region with a name change, and the launch of a new website. Educators, arts organizations, teaching artists, grantmakers, advocates and other stakeholders, as well as school districts and charter school networks, have been collectively responsible for advancing arts education over the last fifteen years. The transition to the new name, the Los Angeles County Arts Education Collective, more clearly acknowledges the shared nature of the regional effort. The new [LACountyArtsEdCollective.org](http://LACountyArtsEdCollective.org) highlights the work of all these partners and features an improved platform for accessing resources and staying informed. The site also includes a directory of arts organizations working in school districts across the region and offers models of best practices for practitioners and advocates. The Arts Ed Collective also publicly announced the Arts Education Innovation Lab, which has brought together arts and education leaders from across sectors to surface innovative solutions for reaching full scale so that all students engage in the arts as a core part of their schooling.

To learn more, follow @LACountyArtsEd on Facebook and Twitter, sign up for the Arts Ed Collective newsletter [here](#) or visit [www.lacountyartsedcollective.org](http://www.lacountyartsedcollective.org)

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## Civic Art

### **Los Robles Splash Pad Installation**

Artist Jose di Gregorio has completed a series of murals at Los Robles Park in Hacienda Heights. Utilizing geometric patterning and vibrant color, the murals assist in wayfinding through the park, guiding visitors toward the new splash pad near the playground. A Grand Opening will be celebrated in July.

### **Fort Moore Pioneer Memorial Restoration**

The Arts Commission is working with the Department of Public Works on the restoration of the Fort Moore Pioneer Memorial. A local group of history and architecture enthusiasts, the Los Angeles Visionaries Association (LAVA), invited Clare Haggarty, Deputy Director of Collections, and Donna Williams, the project conservator to speak at their monthly salon about the work the County is doing to restore this civic art monument. LA County TV Channel 36 filmed the event and put together a video highlighting the restoration: <https://vimeo.com/220357210>.

## Civic Art

### **Don Knabe Golf Center and Junior Academy**

Youth and novice golfers at the Don Knabe Golf Center and Junior Academy are now greeted at the first tee by Bogey and Scratch, a pair of golfing gophers on top of a golf tee. Golfers are encouraged to rub Bogey's belly or pat Scratch's head for good luck as a golf ball is dropped onto a plinko board to determine who tees off first. The sculpture was created by GH Studio and is made of bronze and stainless steel. A soft opening of the golf course occurred at the end of June.



*Close-up of the  
Bogey and Scratch sculpture.*

## Civic Art

### **Civic Art Installation at Harbor UCLA Medical Center**

Included in the Psychiatric Emergency Service Expansion Project at Harbor UCLA Medical Center, Susan Logoreci's three large-scale colored pencil drawings framed in plexiglass are panoramic illustrations of the Los Angeles Skyline, the Vincent Thomas Bridge and the Manhattan Beach Pier. Conjuring up fun and relaxing associations through the depictions of local areas, the highly detailed and brightly colored artworks provide a welcoming, warm atmosphere for staff and patients alike.



*Susan Logoreci's colored pencil drawing of the Vincent Thomas Bridge.*

## Civic Art

### Civic Art Installation at South Whittier Library

Installed along the new South Whittier Library's landscaping and walkways is a series of 17 sculptures by Louise Griffin. Fabricated in powder coated aluminum, and created in varying heights and diameters, the civic artwork depicts the multicultural and generational makeup of the community. Organized thematically, the vibrant sculptures include collaged images from South Whittier's history and the names of all five South Whittier neighborhoods. Internally lit and perforated in unique patterns, the artworks transform into large lanterns at night, as their placement directs visitors towards the library entrance.



*Image details from Louise Griffin's sculptures.*



## Productions

### **Free Concerts in Public Sites Program**

The 2017 Free Concerts in Public Sites Program, a family-friendly summer concert series funded by the Board of Supervisors and administered by the Arts Commission, began this month. Scheduled from June to October, approximately 80 concerts will be held in parks, outdoor amphitheatres, community centers, libraries and museums and will feature LA County artists selected from the County's Musicians Roster. Three festivals kicked off the 2017 Free Concerts series - the Lummiis Day Festival in Sycamore Park with ADAWE, and both Val Verde Park and Jackie Robinson Park featured Dawn Norfleet.





## Grants and Professional Development

### Professional Development

On June 5, the Arts Commission offered “Understanding, Empowerment and Action: Clarifying 501c3 Advocacy Rules.” Presented in partnership with California Lawyers for the Arts, the two-hour workshop included guest attorneys Nona Randois (Alliance for Justice) and Elizabeth Bluestein (Public Counsel), who laid out how nonprofits can safely educate their constituents about legislation and election-related issues. The session was facilitated by consultant Cristina Pacheco. More than 30 artists, administrators and board members were in attendance.

## Grants and Professional Development

### Arts Internship Program

Ten week internships for 132 undergraduates, who either reside or attend school in Los Angeles County, began at more than 115 nonprofit performing, presenting and literary arts organizations. In addition to working full time at their organizations, interns will participate in at least three educational events, including a full day Arts Summit and smaller regional Peer Group meetings that allow them to network and get a broader sense of arts careers and the local arts ecology.

On June 28, all Los Angeles County Arts interns participated in the annual Arts Summit in Santa Monica. The Summit kicked off at The Broad Stage with a welcome from Supervisor Sheila Kuehl and Arts Commission President Pamela Bright-Moon. The daylong event oriented interns to the program and introduced them to the arts ecology of Los Angeles through tours, performances and workshops on activism, the arts in public space and career paths. The day included tours of The Broad Stage, 18<sup>th</sup> Street Art Center and an interactive performance by CONTRA-TIEMPO.



*LA County Arts Interns group photo at the annual Arts Summit in Santa Monica.*



## ARTS COMMISSION: JULY 2017 UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

If you would like more information about these events or would like to attend, please contact Miriam Gonzalez at [mgonzalez@arts.lacounty.gov](mailto:mgonzalez@arts.lacounty.gov) or (213) 202-5858.

Date	Time	Event	Location
July 13	6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Reaction/Response/ Reality: The Arts in Los Angeles in 2017 <i>Artists, arts administrators            and arts advocates are            invited to attend an informal            evening of experiences and            ideas. Attendees will hear            four different creative            minds--artist, curator,            education and social justice            hacker—reflect on what's            been inspiring them, fueling            them and keeping them up            at night since January 20,            2017.</i>	LA County Museum of Art (The Brown Auditorium)