



Monthly Memo

March 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 the Arts Commissioners unanimously approved the report of the Cultural Equity and Inclusion Initiative for submission to the Board of Supervisors. I will be presenting the report at the Board meeting on April 4, along with CEII co-chairs, Maria Rosario Jackson and Helen Hernandez.

Additionally, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved [Supervisor Solis' motion](#) to move forward with implementing a private developer requirement for civic art in the unincorporated areas. The motion was amended by Supervisors Ridley-Thomas and Barger to solicit input from community stakeholders (developers). The Arts Commission will work with Regional Planning and Public Works to draft the County's first private developer percent for art ordinance and will be reporting back to the Board in in 90 days on the progress, with the goal of completing all Commission and Board actions within six months.

With the passing of this motion, CEII recommendation #8, "Increasing Diverse, Inclusive and Equitable Cultural Opportunities and Programming in Unincorporated Areas," is moving forward.

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Arts Education, Arts for All

Statewide Arts Education Coalition Annual Convening

On March 14, Director of Arts Education Denise Grande was a panelist at the California's Statewide Arts Education Coalition Annual Convening. Denise was joined by three members of Arts for All's Pooled Fund including Angel Roberson of the Angell Foundation, Rachel Levin of the Rosenthal Family Foundation and Janice Pober from Sony Pictures Entertainment, who discussed the Pooled Fund's ongoing work to ensure sustainable funding partnerships for arts education throughout LA County. The two-day convening also included prominent speakers, professional development breakout sessions, a review of Create CA's Blueprint for Creative Schools and the release of the Declaration of the Rights of All Students to Equity in Arts Learning.

Advancement Grant Program

On March 17, Arts for All announced the opening of the 2017-18 Advancement Grant Program which offers financial support to Los Angeles County school districts aiming to provide quality arts education for public school students. Grant funds assist school districts in achieving key action items in their district arts plans, and in cultivating skills and practices that can be sustained beyond the term of the grant. Districts may apply for matching funds of up to \$25,000. Los Angeles County school districts that are a part of the Arts for All network and will be implementing board approved strategic plans for arts education in 2017-18 are eligible to apply.

Civic Art

Long Beach Mental Health Art Purchase

The Long Beach Mental Health Center enlisted the LA County Arts Commission Civic Art Program to curate an art purchase program for its new facility. The Art Selection Committee met on March 17 to select from proposed works for eight locations on the third and sixth floors including a lobby, a small conference room, a multi-purpose room and three hallways. The committee selected a combination of photographs, prints and paintings by the following artists:

Kimiko Miyoshi
Brian Hollister
Margaret Lazzari
Leo Rivas
Ashley Shumaker
Betsy Lohrer Hall

A ribbon-cutting event will be held in May in celebration of the new Center and the artwork purchase.



Water or Sky by Margaret Lazzari



Wake Up by Leo Rivas



Civic Art

Homeless Initiative

Civic Art staff is working closely with the Department of Regional Planning (DRP) and the Community Development Commission (CDC) to develop and implement an Architectural Design Competition to support the County's efforts related to the Homeless Initiative, namely Strategy F4 Accessory Dwelling Units. The goal of the design competition is to help bring attention to the County wide efforts to increase affordable housing stock for the homeless, preserve current affordable housing, and promote the development of affordable housing for families and individuals. The examples of accessory dwelling units generated by the design competition will generate concrete examples that individual homeowners and community members will consider assets in their neighborhoods.



Productions

Free Concerts in Public Sites Program

The application for the Free Concerts in Public Sites program closed on March 1. A panel comprised of public events staff is currently reviewing more than 100 applications that were submitted. Notifications will be sent out to applicants in early May.

L.A. County Holiday Celebration

Applications to perform on the 58th Annual L.A. County Holiday Celebration officially opened on March 8. Los Angeles County youth and adult community and professional choirs, music ensembles, folk and traditional artists, and dance companies are invited to submit an electronic application. For more information please email publicevents@arts.lacounty.gov.



Grants and Professional Development

Organizational Grant Program

Nearly 100 grant applications submitted for the 2017-18 Organizational Grant Program (OGP) were assessed and scored by peer review panels in March. Panels were comprised of 70 artists, arts professionals and community members with knowledge and professional qualifications in the arts, as well as familiarity with the Los Angeles region's arts sector. Panelists' assessments and scores become the basis for applicant rankings and recommendations to the Arts Commissioners.

Forty-three OGP grantee arts organizations attended a "Reporting 101" workshop led by Susannah Laramee Kidd, PhD in conjunction with Grants and Professional Development staff at the Arts Commission offices on March 29. The workshop covered a range of evaluation topics to assist grantees in successfully completing their reporting requirements. These include evaluation concepts, information on how to plan, implement and manage program evaluations, and specifics about the online reporting system. OGP final reports and invoices are due on May 15.

Arts Internship Program

One hundred and nineteen performing, presenting and literary arts organizations were awarded funds to host undergraduate interns in full time, paid positions this coming summer. In order to verify the suitability of work sites, Arts Commission staff conducted site visits to more than a dozen organizations that were new to the program or returning after many years.

A full list of the 132 positions was posted on the Arts Commission website on March 30. Eligible students apply directly to the organizations they are interested in. Selected interns begin working between June 5 and June 19 and continue for 10 consecutive weeks through August. Detailed descriptions, including contacts, for the internship positions are available at lacounty.org/internships.



ARTS COMMISSION: APRIL 2017 UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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Date	Time	Event	Location
April 7	9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Real Estate 101 Training <i>This workshop will focus on mid-sized arts organizations that currently manage facilities, which can include performance, rehearsal, classroom, storage and/or office space, or are intending to expand or acquire space within the next 12 months. It is geared toward chief administrative or financial officer(s), facilities managers or staff equivalent – in short, toward individuals who have decision-making authority within their organization regarding space, budgets and long-term planning.</i>	Offices of Community Partners
April 10	9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Advancement Grant Workshop <i>School districts interested in applying are encouraged to attend one informational workshop. They will learn about updates to the 2017-18 application, hear tips for submitting a strong request and get to have questions answered by Arts for All staff.</i>	Santa Clarita Sports Complex



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April 17	9:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Arts Internship Program Supervisor Orientation Day <i>Event is geared towards any organizations or supervisors participating in the 2017 Arts Internship Program.</i>	The Getty Center
April 22	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	The Arts Access Datathon <i>A one-day event open to the public where we'll explore how to use data to make the arts accessible for everyone.</i>	CGU in DTLA (at The Reef)