



Monthly Memo

November 2017

Documenting events, activities and projects for the Arts Commission

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Update from the Acting Executive Director

LA County's commitment to the arts and culture sector, as demonstrated by the work of the Arts Commission, has resulted in a well-established reputation across the country. The work is viewed as innovative and forward-thinking, and is developed and implemented by individuals regarded as thought leaders in the field.

It is through this lens that the Arts Commission staff proudly represents the County at critical gatherings, convening's and conferences, covering a range of topics, from equity and inclusion, to professional development and research.

In 2017, staff members served as panelists or presenters at events including:

- The Americans for the Arts Annual Convention (San Francisco)
- Grantmakers in the Arts (Detroit)
- Arts Education Partnership Convening (Washington D.C.)
- International Conference on Social Theory, Politics & the Arts (Montreal), World Cities Culture Forum (Seoul)
- Southern California Leadership Network (Los Angeles)
- KPCC's Crawford Family Forum (Los Angeles), Create Justice: A National Discussion on Arts in Justice (New York)
- Museum Computer Network (Pittsburgh)
- CGU LA as Lab (Claremont)
- American Evaluation Association (Washington D.C.)
- Future History of Public Art Symposium (Hawaii)

You can learn more about the most recent gatherings in the pages that follow.

Should you have any questions or want more in-depth information on any activity, please call the staff at (213) 202-5858



Arts Education

The LA County Arts Education Collective and LA County Office of Education co-hosted “Teaching Creativity: Integrating the Arts into Common Core English/Language Arts,” elementary school principals, assistant superintendents and curriculum leaders convened at The Huntington Library, the workshop framed the importance of arts education around California’s adoption of Common Core state standards and changes to student assessment. This is the first of two workshops in a two-part series sessions which will happen throughout the year.

The LA County Arts Education Collective hosted the Arts Education in the North County: A Cross-sector Conversation, at the City of Santa Clarita. School district leaders, community arts education partners from Antelope and Santa Clarita Valleys, participated and shared viewpoints and exchange strategies for achieving equity in arts education in the northern region of the County. They establish and deepen cross-sector partnerships and identify opportunities to link K-12 arts education to college and career pathways in creative industries.

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Civic Art

Los Nietos Library Opening

The Los Nietos Library opened this month with a dedication featuring Supervisor Janice Hahn who presented artist Louise Griffin with a scroll acknowledging her contribution, a 3-dimensional mural on the façade of the library, entitled *Reflections on the Past, Present & Future of Los Nietos*. The mural was inspired by conversations with community members, who shared with the artist their strong connection to the middle school property, which is located on the same grounds as the library. The mural's cascade of leaves represents the beloved old tree that stands in front of the school's entrance and the tree itself symbolizes the deep roots of the community. As the artwork wraps around the corner of the meeting room wall towards the main entrance, it transitions into colorful panels with historical imagery collected from community members, creating a timeline documenting the area's rich history while



inspiring its future leaders—the middle school students. Los Nietos Library's newly installed civic artwork by artist Louise Griffin titled "Reflections on the Past, Present & Future of Los Nietos"

Civic Art



Los Angeles County 4th District Supervisor, Janice Hahn; Grace Ramirez-Gaston, Director Civic Art Program, Los Angeles County Arts Commission; and Louise Griffin, Artist at the opening of the Los Nietos Library on Saturday, November 18.

The artist was presented with a scroll by Supervisor Hahn in recognition of her three-dimensional mural on the façade of the new library titled *Reflections on the Past, Present & Future of Los Nietos*.

Professional Development

Civic Art staff participated in a number of professional development opportunities this month including “The Future History of Public Art Symposium” which brought together administrators, directors, artists, critics, curators, academics and researchers to consider the future of the public art field; the Common Field Convening, bringing together a network of experimental, contemporary artist-run and artist-centered organizations. A number of commissioned civic art artists and organizations the Arts Commission has partnered with participated; the convening of the Museum Computer Network (MCN), a gathering of arts administrators working with digital media to further their respective institutions’ missions and engage audiences with technology.



Grants and Professional Development

Organizational Grant Program

November 1 marked the final application deadline for the OGP 2018-19 funding cycle. A total of 244 applications were submitted this year, 23 more than the last cycle. Applications submitted by new applicants totaled 34. The number of OGP applications received during October and November was as follows:

- OGP 4 (budgets greater than \$15,000,000) – 4 applicants
- OGP 3 (budgets between \$1,000,000 and \$14,999,999) – 35 applicants
- OGP 2 (budgets between \$200,000 and \$999,999) – 75 applicants
- OGP 1 (budgets under \$199,999) – 130 applicants



ARTS COMMISSION: December 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 or (213) 202-5858.

Date	Time	Event	Location
December 8, 2017	9:00 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Arts Now: Los Angeles County Arts Education Summit	Japanese American National Museum
December 8, 2017	3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Artesia Library Dedication	18801 Elaine Ave, Artesia 90701
December 9, 2017	9:30 am – 1:00 pm	Arts Tune Up <i>A free, half-day mini conference for artists and arts administrators covering topics including arts advocacy, budgeting, marketing and branding, and more.</i>	Ken Miller Recreation Center, Torrance
December 11, 2017	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Martin Luther King East Parking Structure Artwork Fabrication Site Visit	Carlson Arts LLC, 11230 Peoria St, Sun Valley, CA 91352
December 11, 2017	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Commission Meeting	LACAC offices