



Monthly Memo

September 2017

Documenting events, activities and projects for the Arts Commission

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Update from the Acting Executive Director

It has been a summer of transition for the staff of the Arts Commission. We said goodbye to Laura Zucker with deep gratitude for her 25 years of steadfast service to the arts and culture sector of LA County.

As we look to the future of the Arts Commission, we are reminded regularly about the transformative and unifying impact of the arts on Los Angeles County's diverse and vibrant communities. Through collaborations and partnerships, the Arts Commission has been actively involved in efforts to address regional challenges and opportunities including juvenile justice, homelessness, and cultural equity and inclusion.

The following pages provide an update of *how* the work is moving forward but they do not fully paint the picture of *who* is making it happen. On a daily basis, our staff, along with our Commissioners, demonstrates a deep commitment and passion for this work. I am grateful to them and hopeful for what lies ahead.

With gratitude,
Leticia Rhi Buckley

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Arts Education

On September 15, the Los Angeles County Arts Education Collective (Arts Ed Collective), formerly Arts for All, and the LA County Office of Education co-hosted a district arts coordinator meeting. District arts coordinators dialogued with colleagues about strategies to deepen learning for English Language Learners. Participants also received resources for professional development, updates on arts education legislation and district site level planning.

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Civic Art

Launch of YES to ADU

In 2016, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors launched the Homeless Initiative, a comprehensive plan including strategies to increase affordable housing through the development of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs.)

On Monday, September 18, as a part of the Homeless Initiative's Second Dwelling Units Pilot Program, the Civic Art program, in collaboration with the Department of Regional Planning, the Community Development Corporation, and Chief Executive Office, launched an architecture competition to reimagine the new typology for freestanding Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) in Los Angeles County. In the design competition, architects and designers become creative strategists in support of the Homeless Initiative to help promote the development of accessory dwelling units.

View Park Bebe Moore Campbell Library Dedication

On Friday, September 29 the renovated View Park Library reopened as the View Park Bebe Moore Campbell Library. The library's new name honors the late journalist and author, Bebe Moore Campbell, who lived in View Park. The Second Supervisorial District, Arts Commission and Public Library unveiled an exhibit of sculptures from the Golden State Mutual Collection, now part of the Civic Art Collection. The sculptures include African art and abstract pieces by well-known Los Angeles artists. Curator Jill Moniz placed the sculptures throughout the Library and their colors and shapes resonate with the Frank Matranga ceramic mosaic mural at the library's entrance, which was commissioned in 1976 when the library was first built.



Free Concerts in public sites / Musician's Roster

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, is in full swing. Scheduled from June to October, approximately 80 concerts are taking place in parks, outdoor amphitheaters, community centers, libraries and museums. Concerts feature LA County artists selected from the [Musicians Roster](#).



Grants and Professional Development

Organizational Grant Program (OGP) and Community Impact Arts Grant (CIAG) Application Workshops

Application workshops for organizations interesting in applying to the Organizational Grant Program and the Community Impact Arts Grant were held on September 13, 16, 23 and 27 at locations throughout LA County, including the San Gabriel Mission Playhouse, A Place Called Home, Beyond Baroque and the Arts Commission office. Seven more workshops, including a webinar, will take place in locations throughout the county during October.

Arts Internship Grant Program Workshops

A application workshop for the LA County Arts Internship Grant Program was held on Wednesday, September 20 at the LA County Arts Commission. It was followed on Friday, September 22 by a conference call for those who could not attend in-person. Staff will convene additional conference calls on October 4 and October 19 to focus on guideline changes and answer any questions.

Professional Development

On September 16, the Arts Commission held an Arts Tune-Up at the San Gabriel Mission Playhouse. Approximately 60 artists and arts administrators attended and participated in sessions including "Advocacy 101," "How to Diversify and Manage Your Board" and "Your Fundraising Plan." The next Tune-Up will take place December 9 in Torrance.

On September 18, the Arts Commission reprised "Tips and Tricks for Artistic Documentation," a half-day workshop designed to assist prospective grant applicants in better documenting their artistic processes and products, and to help them better understand the characteristics of a high-quality artistic samples from the perspective of a grant panel. Approximately 25 arts administrators attended the workshop, which took place in downtown LA.

Also in downtown LA, the Arts Commission hosted "Writing Effective Grant Proposals" on September 26 and "Building Capacity in Arts Education on September 29." Both workshops were meant to further assist applicants to the Organizational Grant Program (OGP) and Community Impact Arts Grant (CIAG) programs. The former focused on crafting compelling grant narratives, and the latter provided an introduction to the Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) education standards and allowed participants to receive feedback on existing curriculum samples.

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ARTS COMMISSION: OCTOBER 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
October 4	8:30 – 11:30am	Arts Education Innovation North Region Prototype Marketplace	Santa Clarita Sports Complex, Santa Clarita
October 5	1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Organizational Grant Program 2018-19 Application Workshop.	Port of Los Angeles High School (Multi-Purpose Room), San Pedro
	3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Community Impact Arts Grant 2018 Application Workshop.	Port of Los Angeles High School (Multi-Purpose Room), San Pedro
	8:30 – 11:30am	Arts Education Innovation South Region Prototype Marketplace	Mental Health America, Long Beach
	4:30 – 7:30pm	Arts Education Innovation West Region Prototype Marketplace	Veterans Memorial Auditorium, Culver City
October 6	8:30 – 11:30am	Arts Education Innovation Central Region Prototype Marketplace	California Endowment, Los Angeles
October 10	3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Organizational Grant Program 2018-19 Application Workshop.	Brand Library and Arts Center , Glendale
October 14	11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Organizational Grant Program 2018-19 Application Workshop.	Watts Labor Community Action Committee , Watts
October 25	12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Organizational Grant Program 2018-19 Application Workshop.	Online via Webex Webinar