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**TORRANCE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION AGENDA
MONDAY, MAY 20, 2024
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M. IN THE WEST ANNEX COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
AT 3031 TORRANCE BL.**

**THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION MAY TAKE ACTION ON ANY ITEM LISTED
ON THE AGENDA**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Commission members Cabrera, Carrasco, Hsiao, Klinenberg, Kraemer, Polcari, Chair Sargent

2. FLAG SALUTE:

3. REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Bl. and on the City's Website on Thursday, May 16, 2024 /s/ Rebecca Poirier

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Limited to a 15-minute period)

*This portion of the meeting is reserved for comments on items on the Consent Calendar or not on the agenda. Under the Ralph M. Brown Act, the Commission cannot act on items raised during public comment but may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed; request clarification; or refer the item to staff. **No longer than 1 minute per speaker.** If presenting handout material to Commission, please provide 10 copies to staff before speaking.*

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed by a Commissioner from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 15, 2024

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7A. DESTINATION ARTS – UPATE ON CURRENT ACTIVITIES AND FUTURE PLANS

Recommendation of the Cultural Services Manager that the Commission receive and file a presentation by Destination Arts co-founder, Margaret Lindsey.

7B. THE AEROSPACE PLAYERS – UPDATE ON CURRENT ACTIVITIES AND FUTURE PLANS

Recommendation of the Cultural Services Manager that the Commission receive and file a presentation by Producer, Chuck Gustafson of The Aerospace Players.

7C. CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER –CULTURAL SERVICES DIVISION UPDATES

Recommendation of the Cultural Services Manager that the Cultural Arts Commission receive and file updates on Cultural Services Division activities.

7D. CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER –REVIEW CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM REGARDING CONSOLIDATING CITY COMMISSIONS

Recommendation of the Cultural Services Manager that the Cultural Arts Commission review the March 26, 2024 City Council agenda item regarding consolidating City Commissions.

7E. CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER – ASSIGN EXCELLENCE IN ARTS AWARD CATEGORY NOMINATIONS

Recommendation of the Cultural Services Manager that the Cultural Arts Commission discuss and assign each Commissioner the category or categories for which they will secure nominations for 2024 Excellence in Arts Awards: Arts Education, Dance, Drama and Theatre Arts, Literary Arts, Music, Visual Arts and Design, Katy Geissert, Emerging Artist, and Golden Circle Award.

8. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

9. ADJOURNMENT

9A. Adjournment of the Cultural Arts Commission Meeting to Monday, June 17, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex Conference Room.



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE TORRANCE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Torrance Cultural Arts Commission convened in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 15, 2024, in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Cabrera, Hsiao, Klinenberg, Kraemer, and Chair Sargent.

Absent: Commissioners Carrasco and Polcari.

Also Present: Cultural Services Manager Monica Harte.

MOTION: Commissioner Hsiao moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner Carrasco and Commissioner Polcari. Commissioner Kraemer seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 5-0 approval (Commissioners Carrasco and Polcari absent).

2. FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Hsiao.

3. REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

Cultural Services Manager Harte reported that the agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Boulevard and on the City's website on Thursday, April 11, 2024.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS:

None.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Members of the public spoke including Karen Wheeler, President of the Torrance Sister City Association, Donna Dunlap, prior President of the Torrance Sister City Association, Margaret Lindsey, Board President of Destination Art, and City Librarian Heather Cousin. Commissioners addressed the public speakers.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MARCH 18, 2024

MOTION: Commissioner Cabrera moved to approve the March 18, 2024, minutes. Commissioner Klinenberg seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 5-0 approval (Commissioners Carrasco and Polcari absent).

7. **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

7A. **CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER – REVIEW CULTURAL SERVICES DIVISION UPDATES**

Cultural Services Manager Harte presented Item 7A:

- The Cherry Blossom Festival was a successful event with more than (3,000) individuals in attendance. The Cultural Services Department launched a public art project at the Cherry Blossom Festival and orchestrated the painting of (200) tiles by community members who were in attendance; the project will continue throughout summer 2024.
- Cultural Art classes presented (2) crafts during the Cherry Blossom Festival: ceramic planters and a picture project by Dianne Reeves.
- Torrance Sister City Association's annual Bunka-Sai Festival will take place Saturday, April 20, 2024, through Sunday, April 21, 2024.
- The Rose Float Association will meet with the Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee Saturday, May 18, 2024, to present Rose Float conceptual designs.
- The Torrance Theater Company sold out for their production of *Hay Fever* and their Sunday, April 8, 2024, performance, *Hot Tip*, and auditioned for their last play of the season, *It's Only a Play*.
- Torrance Civic Chorale is still in preparation for their Friday, May 3, 2024, *Disney Celebration* performance.
- The Torrance Art Museum opened with *Risky Business: A Painter's Forum* and *Reflecting Pool: Emergence of the Third Eye*.

Cultural Services Manager Harte announced that Board President of Destination Art Ms. Margaret Lindsey, the Aerospace Players, Torrance Theatre Company, Torrance Art Museum, Torrance Civic Chorale, and Torrance Arts Academy at the May 2024 Commission meeting.

Chair Sargent stated that the Excellence in Arts Awards falls on Yom Kippur and may be problematic for honorees. Cultural Services Manager Harte replied that she will research dates and bring back for the Commission's review during the May 2024 Commission meeting.

8. **COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Chair Sargent spoke.

Commissioner Cabrera inquired if additional submissions were received for the utility box project. Cultural Services Manager Harte replied that no additional submissions have been received but that an email was sent to a South Bay arts group to coordinate a time to meet.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: At 7:38 p.m., Commissioner Hsiao moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, May 20, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kraemer; a roll call vote reflected 5-0 approval (Commissioners Carrasco and Polcari absent).

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For Commission Meeting
May 20, 2024

TO: CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

FROM: MONICA HARTE, CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER

**RE: DESTINATION ARTS – UPDATE ON CURRENT ACTIVITIES AND
FUTURE PLANS**

Recommendation of the Cultural Services Manager to receive and file a presentation by Destination Arts co-founder, Margaret Lindsey.

Respectfully Submitted,



Monica Harte
Cultural Services Manager

For Commission Meeting
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Cultural Services Manager

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RE: CULTURAL SERVICES DIVISION MANAGER- DIVISION UPDATES

Recommendation of the Cultural Services Manager that the Cultural Arts Commission receive and file updates on the Cultural Services Division. The following is information regarding Cultural Services Division programs and facilities for May 2024. Attachments for featured programs are included with the report:

- We're preparing for the June 1, 2024 opening of Torrance Summer Nights.
- The 46th Annual Excellence in Arts Committee met on April 24, 2024 to discuss the October 27, 2024 event. Some changes in the event logistics include:
 - Presentation pictures will be taken with the Commissioners and Award Recipients on stage directly following the presentation.
 - There will be no RSVP request on any of the invitations
 - The new Emerging Artist Award will be included with the following description:

Nominees may be performing artists: musicians, actors, dancers; visual artists: photographers, painters, sculptors; or creative artists: composers, writers, culinary artists. Nominees will possess skills commensurate with someone in the beginning stages of a professional career in the arts and will be able to articulate a clear set of plans and goals in order to pursue a career in the arts.

- The Cultural Services Division is working with the Library, Recreation, and Parks Divisions to expand the Southeast Library Public Art Project that was launched at the Cherry Blossom Festival in 2024. We are developing packages that include one tile, 1 paint pod strip with colored paints, and 2 paint brushes for the community to create tiles at their leisure and return to Community Services to be included in the art installation.
- The first Utility Box at Madrona and Torrance Blvd will be wrapped by June 30, 2024. We have extended the Call for Artists and advertised on multiple platforms catering to artists looking for opportunities.
- The Cultural Classes have transitioned to Rec.US, the new registration platform.

- Torrance Theatre Company is rehearsing *It's Only A Play* written by Terrence McNally and directed by Cate Caplin. *It's Only A Play* opens at 1316 Cabrillo Avenue on June 1, 2024.
- The Torrance Civic Chorale's concert, *A Disney Celebration*, on May 3, 2024 at the Armstrong Theatre in Torrance was a huge success with more than 300 people attending. The show featured the Torrance Civic Chorale (TCC), TCC Jazz Singers, and special guests, the CSU Dominguez Hills Chorus.
- Torrance Art Museum's Experimental Residency Project, *Studio System*, designed to bridge the gap between artistic practice and the public, opens June 1, 2024. First held in 2015, Studio Systems seeks to bring the dynamic artist studio into the museum space. This residency project encourages audiences to see works as they are in progress and interact with the artists to discuss inspirations, content, and context, and to chart the progression of the works over the month-long period that the project encompasses.

Also showing is *Resonance*, a solo exhibition by photo-based conceptual artist, Alanna Airitam. Inspired by the lighting of 17th century Renaissance paintings, early Black studio photography, and historic and contemporary narratives, Airitam pushes the traditional boundaries of photography by incorporating materials such as metal, resin, varnish, and gold into her work.

- The Torrance Rose Float Association will meet with the Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee May 15, 2024, to present the Rose Float Conceptual Design.

Respectfully Submitted,



Monica Harte
Cultural Services Manager

Torrance Summer Nights

ATTACHMENT A

PRESENTING SPONSOR



The graphic is a dark blue rectangular area with a central sun-like emblem. The emblem is a circle with a red outline and radiating red lines, divided into three horizontal bands of yellow, orange, and red. The text "TORRANCE SUMMER NIGHTS" is written across these bands in bold, black, sans-serif capital letters. Below the emblem, the text "Amazing Entertainment" is written in a light blue, cursive font, and "FREE ALL SUMMER LONG" is written in a light blue, sans-serif font. The event schedule is listed on either side of the emblem, with dates and times in yellow boxes and event details in white text.

Date	Event	Time	Location
JUNE 1	TAYLOR NATION <i>Taylor Swift Tribute Band</i>	5:00 PM	
JUNE 8	BRITAIN'S FINEST <i>Beatles Tribute Band</i>	5:00 PM	
JUNE 15	FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT <i>Migration - Greenwood Park</i>	7:45 PM	
JUNE 22	SOUL 3 SIXTY <i>Pop, Top 40, R&B</i>	5:00 PM	
JUNE 29	ANDY & RENEE & HARD RAIN <i>Woodstock Retrospective</i>	5:00 PM	
JULY 6	SATIN DOLLZ <i>Swingin' 40's Tribute</i>	5:00 PM	
JULY 13	FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT <i>Trolls Band Together - McMaster</i>	7:45 PM	
JULY 20	BLUE BREEZE BAND <i>Blues, Soul, R&B, Jazz</i>	5:00 PM	
JULY 27	SHAKESPEARE'S COMEDY <i>Cardenio - Shakespeare by the Sea</i>	6:00 PM	
AUG 4	SANGRE NUEVA <i>Salsa Band - Special Sunday Concert</i>	5:00 PM	
AUG 10	FAMILY KARAOKE PARTY <i>Little Mermaid - Nakano Theatre</i>	5:00 PM	
AUG 17	FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT <i>Kung Fu Panda 4 - Wilson Park</i>	7:45 PM	
AUG 23-25	TRYST & NOMAD ART FAIR <i>Del Amo Crossing, Hawthorne Blvd</i>	12-6 PM	
AUG 31	PETTY THEFT <i>Tom Petty Tribute Band</i>	5:00 PM	







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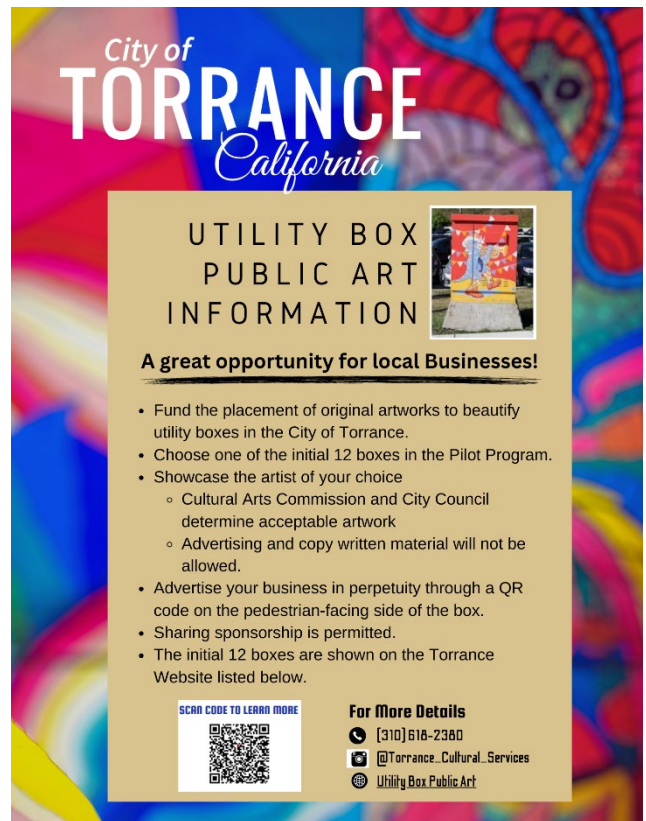
CALL FOR ARTISTS



UTILITY BOX PUBLIC ART INFORMATION


- Utility Box public art designs must be applicable usable, covering all four sides and the top of a box
- You can submit multiple designs with one application.
- You'll be paid a \$500 stipend for each box your work is chosen for.
- Artworks are printed on vinyl that is finished with a UV protective/ anti-graffiti coating and installed by a 3rd party vendor.
- Your artwork must be appropriate for the entire community to view.
- No advertising or copy-written material will be allowed.

For More Details
☎ (310) 618-2360
📱 @Torrance_Cultural_Services
🌐 Utility Box Public Art



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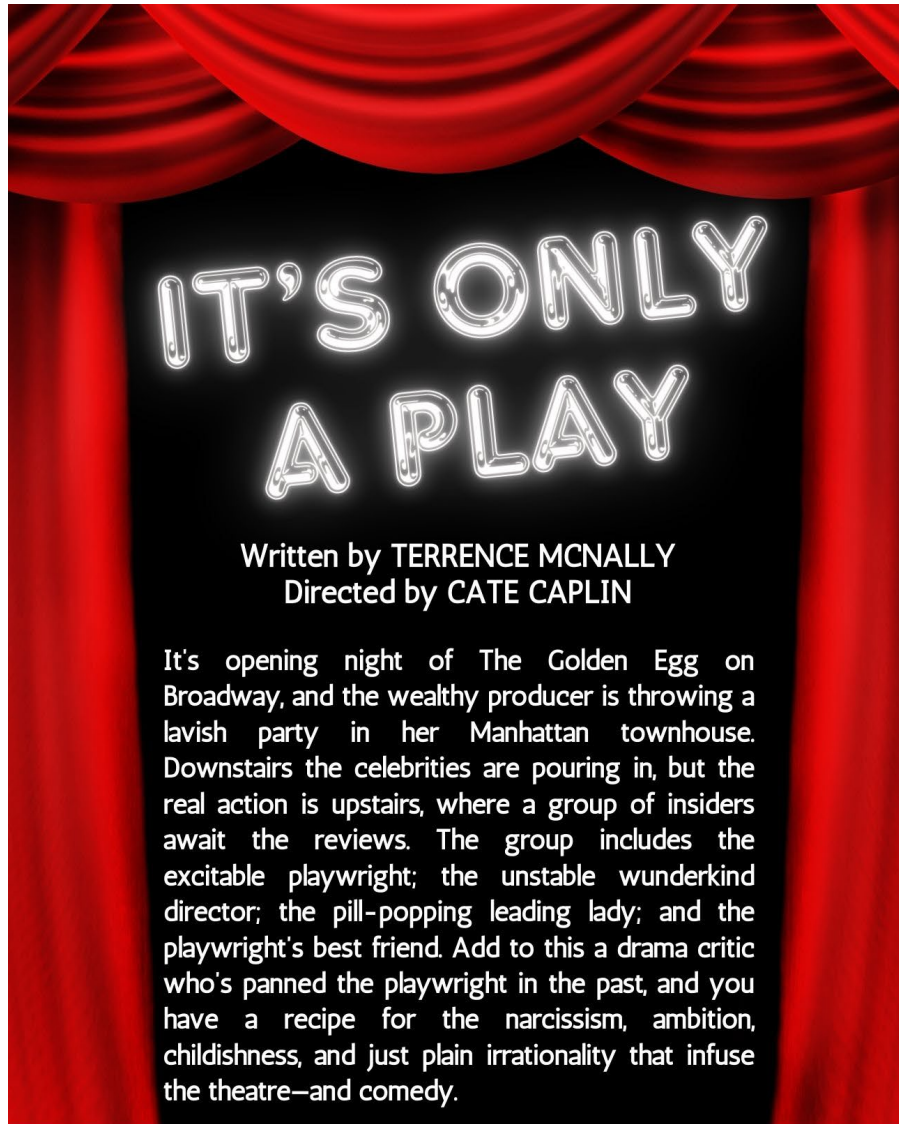
A great opportunity for local Businesses!

- Fund the placement of original artworks to beautify utility boxes in the City of Torrance.
- Choose one of the initial 12 boxes in the Pilot Program.
- Showcase the artist of your choice
 - Cultural Arts Commission and City Council determine acceptable artwork
 - Advertising and copy written material will not be allowed.
- Advertise your business in perpetuity through a QR code on the pedestrian-facing side of the box.
- Sharing sponsorship is permitted.
- The initial 12 boxes are shown on the Torrance Website listed below.

SCAN CODE TO LEARN MORE



For More Details
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🌐 Utility Box Public Art



**TORRANCE
THEATRE
COMPANY**
BRIDGING THEATRE AND THE COMMUNITY

JUNE 1-22, 2024
1316 Cabrillo Ave. Torrance, CA 90501

MORE INFO:
WWW.TORRANCETHEATRECOMPANY.COM/AUDITIONS

 Torrance Theatre Company is a program of the Cultural Services Division of the Torrance Community Services Department. www.TorranceCA.Gov.
Sponsored in part by Friends of Torrance Theatre Company. 



STUDIO SYSTEM

JUNE 1-29, 2024 | Closing Reception: Saturday, June 29th, 6-9 pm

Studio System brings the dynamism of the artist’s studio into the museum space by encouraging audiences to interact with working artists to discuss inspirations, sources, and more as they create new artworks over a month-long period.

PARTICIPATING ARTISTS: Clarisse Abelarde, Wayne Martin Belger, Taylor Moon Castagnari, Raphaelae Cohen-Bacry, Justine Di Fiore, Craig Knight, Snezana Saraswati Petrovic, Ashton S. Phillips, Tania Salha, Gwen Samuels, Sarah Svetlana, Dilan Torres, Jacqueline Valenzuela

Also Showing:

Gallery Two & Dark Room: *Resonance*, a solo exhibition by photo-based conceptual artist Alanna Airitam inspired by 17th century Renaissance paintings and early Black studio photography. For more info on all shows, please visit TorranceArtMuseum.com.

	<p>OPERATING HOURS: Tues - Sat 11AM - 5PM 3320 Civic Center Drive, Torrance, CA 90503 www.torranceartmuseum.com T: 310.618.6388 FREE to the public Hours and programs subject to change</p>	<p>Torrance Art Museum is the premier space to view contemporary art in the South Bay. It is a program of the Cultural Services Division of the Community Services Department. Creating and enriching community through people, programs and partnerships.</p>
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