



Agenda Report

Arts Commission

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TITLE: ARTS AND CULTURE STAFF REPORT
DEPARTMENT: PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
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UPDATES:

❖ **Poet Laureate Program**

We are continuing to promote the new Poet Laureate program through City channels. The City has posted about the program in the Snapshot, the City newsletter, and on City Facebook and Instagram accounts. Email blasts were sent to local artist lists and we will continue to promote the program through Parks & Community Services social media accounts as well. Our very own Arts Commissioner, Charlene Ashendorf and staffer Angel Correa participated in creating a new Costa Mesa Minute for the City Instagram account. Currently, we have one (1) application.

❖ **Exhibition Spaces**

Currently, we have Corona Del Mar Elementary and Middle School artwork up in the City Hall lobby until May and then afterwards, we will highlight Parks & Community Services recreation programs for the summer.

Artist Ellie Brouse has artwork up on the second floor of the Senior Center until the end of April. The next artist will be Jennifer Bloomfield, with a reception on May 22nd from 6pm-8pm. And in the fall, we are working on a group art show for about eight (8) Senior Center members, to be displayed from September until the end of December. More details on that in the coming months.

We have also been working with Senior Center staffers to create more wall space on the second floor to accommodate more artwork.

❖ **Free at Segerstrom Center Campus**

As of now, we have given out tickets for the following shows and provided a shuttle service; A Christmas Carol with South Coast Repertory, the Royal Philharmonic with Orange County Youth and the Atlanta Symphony with the Philharmonic Society, the Carnival of the Animals with Pacific Symphony and The Lion King and MJ The Musical at the Segerstrom Center for the Arts. We have six more shows coming up until the month of June.

❖ **Public Art**

We are currently working on reviewing the new Mural Permit into TESSA, our new City software, for all future murals on private property. The content for the permit has been put into the software and we are tentatively planning for City staff to present on TESSA to the Arts Commission at the May, 2024 meeting.