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**TORRANCE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION AGENDA
MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2025
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, Duncan, Hsiao, Klinenberg, Polcari, Chair Kraemer

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 Monday, April 14, 2025/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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS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: March 17, 2025

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

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

Recommendation of the Cultural Services Manager that the Cultural Arts Commission review updates on the Cultural Services activities.

7B. CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER – RECEIVE AND FILE CITY ACADEMY OF THE ARTS-TORRANCE UPDATES

Recommendation of the Cultural Services Manager that the Cultural Arts Commission receive and file the City Academy of the Arts-Torrance updates.

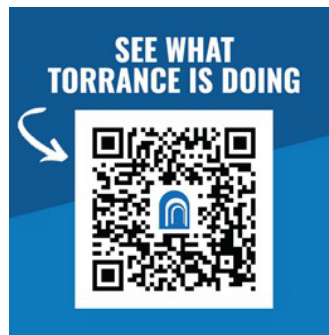
7C. CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER – RECEIVE AND FILE CITY ACADEMY OF THE ARTS-TORRANCE UPDATES

Recommendation of the Cultural Services Division that the Cultural Arts Commission nominate the Excellence in Arts subcommittee.

8. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

9. ADJOURNMENT

9A. Adjournment of the Cultural Arts Commission Meeting to Monday, May 19, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex Conference Room.



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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance Cultural Arts Commission convened in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 17, 2025, in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Cabrera, Carrasco, Hsiao, Klineberg, Duncan, Polcari and Chair Kraemer

Absent: None

Also Present: Cultural Services Manager Monica Harte

MOTION: Commissioner Cabrera moved to excuse Commissioner Duncan's absence from last month's meeting. Commissioner Polcari seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval (Commissioner Duncan abstained).

2. FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Duncan.

3. REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

Cultural Services Manager Harte reported that the agenda for the Cultural Arts Commission was posted on the Public Notice Board and on the City's website on Thursday, March 13, 2025.

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

None.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A member of the public spoke.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

6A. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 24, 2025

MOTION: Commissioner Klineberg moved to approve the February 24, 2025, meeting minutes. Commissioner Polcari seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval (Commissioner Duncan abstained).

7. **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

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

Cultural Services Manager Harte provided updates for the Cultural Services Division.

MOTION: Commissioner Polcari moved to accept and file Cultural Services Division updates. Commissioner Duncan seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 7-0 approval.

7B. **CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER- UPDATE ON COMPREHENSIVE ARTS LISTING IN TORRANCE**

Commissioner Cabrera from the subcommittee provided an update on the challenges being faced regarding a comprehensive arts listing.

Cultural Services Manager Harte followed up with utilizing other options, such as Discover Torrance, in moving forward with promoting events.

8. **COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Members of the Commission spoke.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: At 7:54 p.m., Commissioner Klinenberg adjourned the meeting to Monday, April 21, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room. Commissioner Hsiao seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 7-0 approval.

TO: CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

FROM: MONICA HARTE, CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER

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 next production at the Torrance Theatre Company's 48-seat theatre located at 1316 Cabrillo Ave, **How the Light Gets In**, opened April 5, 2025, to a sold-out crowd. The play is a poignant tale of triumph over personal struggles. The production closes April 26, 2025.

Birthday Club, directed by Perry Shields, opens June 7, 2025. Rehearsals begin April 21, 2025. For tickets go to <https://www.TorranceTheatreCompany.com>.

Something Rotten, the 2025 hilarious Summer Musical presented at the James R. Armstrong Theatre, will be on sale June 1, 2025. This musical comedy set in the 1590s, follows two brothers who hire a soothsayer to steal Shakespeare's next hit play. Join them as they tap dance their way across the Renaissance into the modern-day musical.

- Torrance Art Museum opened the **Body Counts** exhibition on March 29, 2025, with more than 250 people in attendance. The opening included a performance by South Bay Sussurus: Experimental Music.
- The Torrance Cultural Classes Team is preparing for the summer camps and classes with numerous new offerings, including Bollywood Dance, Theatre Improv, Mural Camps, Lego Robotics, and more.
- The Cultural Services Division launched a new Call for Artists to include the entire state of California for the Torrance Utility Box Pilot Program in April. We've received five new submissions, including at least one from the Bay Area.

Three of the six original boxes have been wrapped:

- District 4 at Sartori Ave and Torrance Blvd was wrapped March 10, 2025. The work is **TORRANCE** by Neli Hanna.
- District 5 at the corner of Anza Ave and Lomita Blvd was wrapped April 7, 2025. The work is **Torrance Natives** by Vanesa Andrade.
- District 6 at the corner of Crenshaw Blvd and Airport Dr was wrapped April 7, 2025. The work is **Koinobori** by Emily Kayoko Chen.
- The Cherry Blossom Cultural Festival, March 30, 2025, was extremely successful with 62 craft vendors, 13 food trucks, 10 performances and 4,600 attendees.

Cultural Services Classes presented two Kids Crafts at the Festival: Cultural Classes Art Instructor, Diane Reeves, created and facilitated the **Cherry Blossom Worry Doll** project; and, Cultural Classes Ceramics Instructor, Michelle Shanahan, created 250 ceramic planters for the **Ceramic Planters with Succulents** project.

- The Torrance Civic Chorale is preparing for their May 10, 2025, concert, **Music for the Soul**, at the Armstrong Theatre, 7:30p.m. For tickets, go to www.TorranceCivicChorale.net.

The Civic Chorale Jazz Singers performed at the Oceanside Jazz Festival April 4, 2025, and were the only community vocal jazz ensemble present. Twenty-two university and high school groups also participated. The Jazz Singers will be performing again at the Fullerton Jazz Festival April 25, 2025.

- The Torrance Sister City Association produced their annual Bunka-Sai Festival on April 5 and 6, 2025. They featured their traditional food, crafts and cultural performances and exhibitions. The proceeds of the festival benefit the Associations Student Exchange program each year to Kashiwa, Japan. To get involved, go to <https://www.TorranceSisterCity.Org>.
- The Torrance Rose Float Association has launched a Go-Fund-Me to raise money for the Float to be entered into the 2026 Tournament of Roses Parade. The link to the page is <https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-torrances-rose-parade-tradition>.
- Addressing the request of the Commission and Subcommittee for Comprehensive Arts Listings, Cultural Services Staff has confirmed the best methods for sharing arts events and information that you feel are important but may be under marketed and therefore under the radars of the Torrance Communications Department and Discover Torrance. To share arts events for coverage, please reach out to the Communications Department and Discover Torrance directly, they both welcome input from the community.
 - For Discover Torrance, email Debbie Hays, Community Relations Representative, at Debbie@DiscoverTorrance.com and she will share with her marketing team. She also shares all activities with hotels on a weekly basis.
 - For the Torrance Communications Department, email Communications@TorranceCA.Gov at least one week in advance to allow them to assist with outreach across all platforms and inform the community as early as possible.

Attachment: 1) TTC –How The Light Gets In
2) TTC –Birthday Club
3) TTC – Something Rotten
4) TAM – Body Counts
5) Public Art – Utility Box
6) Cherry Blossom Metrics – Placer A-i report
7) TCC – Music for the Soul

For Commission Meeting
April 21, 2025

TO: CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

FROM: MONICA HARTE, CULTURALSERVICES MANAGER

**SUBJECT: RECEIVE AND FILE CITY ACADEMY OF THE ARTS-TORRANCE
UPDATES**

Recommendation of the Cultural Services Manager that the Cultural Arts Commission to receive and file the City Academy of the Arts-Torrance updates.

For Commission Meeting
April 21, 2025

TO: CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

FROM: MONICA HARTE, CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER

RE: NOMINATE SUBCOMMITTEE FOR EXCELLENCE IN ARTS

The Excellence in Arts Awards recognize individuals, groups, and corporations who make outstanding contributions to the arts in one of the following categories: Dance; Drama & Theatre Arts; Music; Visual Arts & Design; Literary Arts; Arts Education, Emerging Artist and the Katy Geissert Award.

Recommendation of the Cultural Services Division Manager that the Cultural Arts Commission nominate the Excellence in Arts subcommittee.

TORRANCE THEATRE COMPANY
25th Anniversary Season

How the Light Gets In



APRIL 5-26, 2025
1316 Cabrillo Ave., Torrance, CA 90501
MORE INFO: TORRANCETHEATRECOMPANY.COM


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How the Light Gets In

Written by **E.M. LEWIS**
Directed by **RICHARD PERLOFF**



Melissa Brandzel as Grace Norge Yip as Haruki K.C. Kahn as Tommy Z Iris O'Connor as Kat

A travel writer who never travels. A Japanese architect who can't figure out how to build a simple tea house. A gifted tattoo artist who resists the power of his talents. And a homeless girl who lives under a weeping willow tree in the Japanese Garden. Four lonely people, their stories written on paper, earth and skin, find each other when one of them falls apart. Together they realize the heart is as strong as it is fragile, and that the safety of home might be found in the most fearsome explorations. A beautiful, haunting and richly human play.



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ATTACHMENT 2

BIRTHDAY CLUB

Written by **PHIL OLSON**
Directed by **PERRY SHIELDS**

Hilarious ending to our 25th anniversary! Five women create the Birthday Club, to celebrate, commiserate, and support each other as they navigate through all of life's challenges. It's not easy to join Birthday Club; a potential member must make it through the "interview" and agree to abide by the eight sacred rules. When it's revealed that one of the members went out with another's husband, the Vodka hits the fan. The question is, will Birthday Club survive, or will Rule #5 end it forever?



JUNE 7-28, 2025

1316 Cabrillo Ave. Torrance, CA 90501

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TORRANCE THEATRE COMPANY

ATTACHMENT 3

PRESENTS

SOMETHING ROTTEN!



**ON SALE
JUNE 1ST!**

Book By **Karey Kirkpatrick and John O'Farrell**

Music and Lyrics by **Wayne Kirkpatrick and Karey Kirkpatrick**

Conceived by Karey Kirkpatrick and Wayne Kirkpatrick

Directed by **Cary Jordahl** - Choreographed by **Sjaan Trowbridge**

AUGUST 9-16, 2025

JAMES ARMSTRONG THEATRE - 3330 CIVIC CENTER DR. - TORRANCE, 90503

TICKETS STARTING AS LOW AS \$25!

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BODY COUNTS

March 29 to May 24, 2025

OPENING: SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 6-9pm

Body Counts explores how figurative art, in its various forms, reflects issues of representation, trust, group dynamics, alienation, and social capital. It examines the diverse artistic potentials that either uphold or interrogate society's structures, democracy, and civil rights.

Also on view: GALLERY TWO: **David DiMichele - Envirotechnology** An immersive light art installation exploring the relationship between environmental issues and technology. In the DARK ROOM: **Erin Cooney - Aire Libre** A single-channel video installation about environmental injustice in South Los Angeles made in collaboration with East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice.

A live performance by the CONTRA-TIEMPO Activist Dance Company and vocalist Carmina Escobar, featured in Erin Cooney's Aire Libre, will take place in TAM's entrance courtyard at 7 PM.

	<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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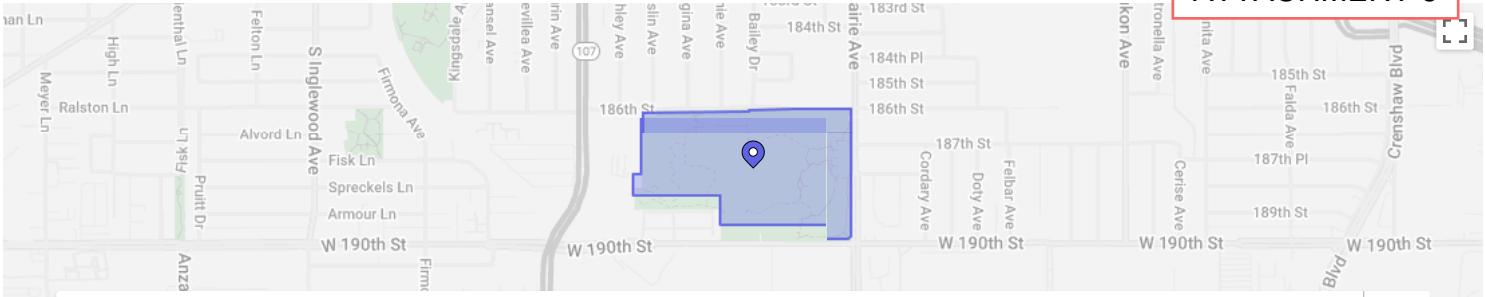
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District 4: Councilmember Kalani
Box ID 0061: Sartori Ave and
Torrance Blvd



Torrance Natives by Vanesa Andrade
District 5: Councilmember Mattucci
Box ID 0042: Anza Ave and Lomita Blvd



Koinobori by Emily Kayoko Chen
District 6: Councilmember Gerson
Box ID 0045: Crenshaw Ave and
Airport Dr



Cherry Blossom Cultural Festival- Metrics (Placer A-i Report)

4045 190th St, Torrance, CA 90504

Metrics ?

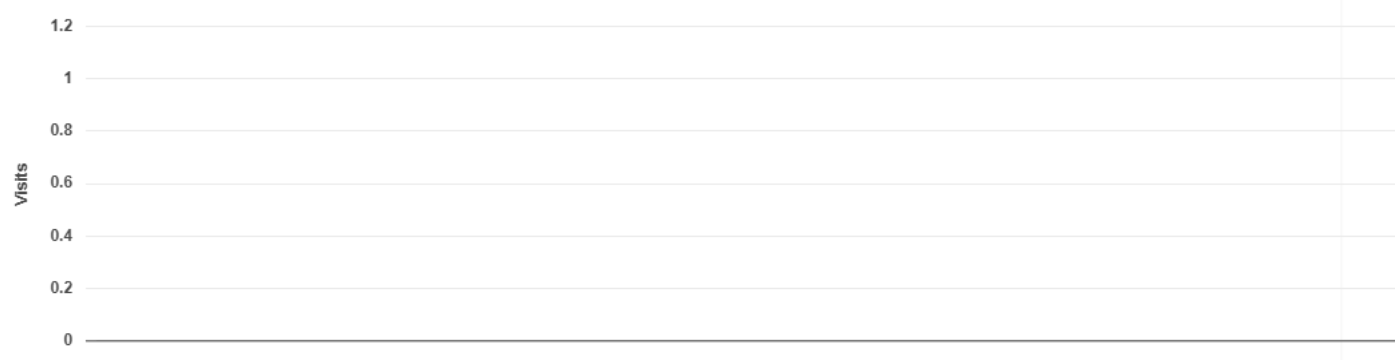
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Visits / sq ft	< 0.01	Panel Visits	125
Size - sq ft	2.4M	Visits YoY	+990.8%
Visitors	4.6K	Visits Yo2Y	+1.3K%
Visit Frequency	1	Visits Yo3Y	+1.8K%

Visits Trend ?

Metric: Visits
 Aggregation: Weekly
 Annual Summary:



TORRANCE CIVIC CHORALE AND JAZZ SINGERS

MUSIC

FOR THE SOUL

RHYTHM AND BLUES, GOSPEL, AND SOUL

Dr. Edward Trimis, Director

Yumi Hashimoto, Accompanist & Assistant Director

SPECIAL GUEST

CERRITOS GOSPEL CHOIR

Jamond McCoy, Director

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF UNFORGETTABLE MUSIC. THIS DIVERSE AND UPBEAT COLLECTION OF SONGS WILL HAVE YOU MOVING AND GROOVING FROM START TO FINISH!

5.10.2025 | 7:30PM

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