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**TORRANCE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION AGENDA
MONDAY, MAY 19, 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 Thursday, May 15, 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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS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 comments 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 the 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 21, 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 TORRANCE THEATRE COMPANY UPDATES

Recommendation of the Cultural Services Manager that the Cultural Arts Commission receive and file the Torrance Theatre Company updates.

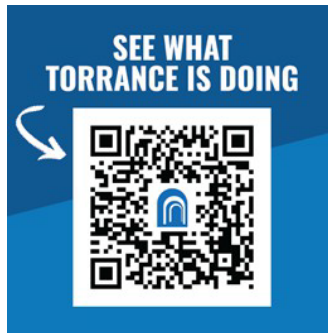
7C. CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER – NOMINATE SUBCOMMITTEE FOR EXCELLENCE IN ARTS AWARDS

Recommendation of the Cultural Services Manager 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, June 16, 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 MEETING TO ORDER

The Torrance Cultural Arts Commission convened in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 21, 2025, in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None.

Also Present: Cultural Services Manager Monica Harte.

2. FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Carrasco.

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 Monday, April 14, 2025.

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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

Cultural Services Manager Monica Harte announced that Item 7C was withdrawn and will be continued May 2025.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A member of the public spoke.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MARCH 17, 2025

MOTION: Commissioner Polcari moved to approve the March 17, 2025, minutes. Commissioner Hsiao seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 7-0 approval.

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.

Cultural Services Manager presented Item 7A, providing Cultural Services Division updates.

MOTION: Commissioner Klinenberg moved to receive and file the Cultural Services Division Updates. Commissioner Carrasco seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 7-0 approval.

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.

Cultural Services Manager Harte introduced Cultural Services Supervisor Cori Munro and Planning Coordinator for Cultural Arts Classes Kat Kimball, who provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the City Academy of the Arts Torrance (CAAT) and what the program plans to offer.

MOTION: Commissioner Hsiao moved to receive and file the City Academy of the Arts updates. Commissioner Klinenberg seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 7-0 approval.

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

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

Item 7C continued to May 19, 2025.

8. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Cabrera announced that The South Bay Wind Ensemble will perform on May 24, 2025, at the Riviera United Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Klinenberg announced that Destination Art is looking for a President and head of the Board.

Commissioner Klinenberg announced "Praise Unleashed 5.0" that will take place on May 24, 2025, at the James Armstrong Theatre at 4:00 p.m.

Commissioner Polcari announced that the Torrance Historical Museum has the Tournament of Roses display until June 1, 2025, and will prepare an exhibit for Torrance Memorial's 100th Anniversary.

Commissioner Polcari announced that Torrance Rose Float Association is looking for sponsors, donations, and is currently doing fundraising to raise money for the 2026 Tournament of Roses Parade.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: At 8:06 p.m., Commissioner Klinenberg moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, May 19, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Polcari; 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 (CSD):

- **Birthday Club**, directed by Perry Shields, opens June 7, 2025, at 1316 Cabrillo Avenue in downtown Torrance. 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 opens the **Special Relationships** exhibition on June 14, 2025.

The **TRYST International Art Fair & NOMAD** exhibitions, which take place July 11-13, 2025, will present approximately 800 artists this year.

- The Torrance Cultural Classes Summer Camps will include 10 Theatre Camps, a Mural Camp, A Jump Rope Camp, Lego Robotics Camp, and more. For information go to <https://www.Rec.US/organizations/City-of-Torrance>

- The City Academy of the Arts – Torrance (CAAT) will facilitate a soft launch this summer. CAAT has voice, piano and guitar teachers on board for private lessons. CAAT also added Pacific Opera Project to the list of contracting partners.

Stories in Art is back! Children, ages 6 to 11 can participate in this 1-day special workshop that includes inspiring stories relating to the current Museum exhibit and an art project to create their own imaginative works of art.

- **Torrance Summer Nights** opens June 7, 2025, with the ever-popular Beatles cover band, **Britain's Finest EPK**. The performance begins at 5:00p.m. Bring a blanket and picnic.
- The final utility box in the Utility Box Pilot Program is slated to be completed by the end of May. This artwork was created by Magdalena Latorre.

- District 2 at Anza & Torrance Blvd

Cultural Services has received 38 new submissions for the next round of Utility Box selections.

- The Torrance Rose Float Association (TRFA) Conceptual Design was approved by City Council May 6, 2025. TRFA is raising money for a portion of the cost of the float. To donate please go to <https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-torrances-rose-parade-tradition>.

Attachment: 1) TTC - Birthday Club
2) TTC - Something Rotten
3) TAM - Special Relationships
4) CAAT - Stories In Arts
5) CSD - Torrance Summer Nights

For Commission Meeting
May 19, 2025

TO: CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

FROM: MONICA HARTE, CULTURALSERVICES MANAGER

SUBJECT: RECEIVE AND FILE TORRANCE THEATRE COMPANY UPDATES

Recommendation of the Cultural Services Manager that the Cultural Arts Commission receive and file the Torrance Theatre updates.

For Commission Meeting
May 19, 2025

TO: CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

FROM: MONICA HARTE, CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER

RE: EXCELLENCE IN ARTS SUBCOMMITTEE NOMINATION

The Excellence in Arts Awards recognizes individuals, groups, and corporations making outstanding contributions to the arts in one of the following categories: Dance; Drama & Theatre Arts; Music; Visual Arts & Design; Literary Arts; Arts Education; and the Katy Geissert Award. New categories that may also be represented include Emerging Artist and Golden Circle Awards.

Cultural Services Manager, Monica Harte, recommends that the Commissioners nominate a subcommittee to discuss and aid in the organization of the 2025 Excellence in Arts Award Ceremony.

TORRANCE THEATRE COMPANY

25th Anniversary Season

ATTACHMENT 1

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

MORE INFO: TORRANCETHEATRECOMPANY.COM



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.



TORRANCE THEATRE COMPANY

ATTACHMENT 2

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!

FOR MORE INFO: WWW.TORRANCETHEATRECOMPANY.COM



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SPECIAL RELATIONSHIPS

June 14 to July 26, 2025

Hermione Allsopp / Lynn Aldrich

Ian Dawson / David McDonald

Nicky Hirst / Skylar Haskard

David Kefford / Chris Miller

Peter Lamb / Bjorn Copeland

Selma Parlour / David Leapman

Fiona Rae / Rosson Crow

Tania Salha / Stephen Neidich

Kerry Stewart / Josh Callaghan

Erika Trotzig / Stephanie Sherwood

SPECIAL RELATIONSHIPS

June 14 to July 26, 2025

Opening Reception: June 14, 6pm to 9pm

Special Relationships brings together artists from London and Los Angeles to explore shared themes across paintings, sculptures, and installations. Highlighting a transatlantic exchange of ideas, the exhibition reveals both common ground and distinct perspectives, celebrating the diversity and connection between the two cities' art scenes.

Also on view: **Zavier Ellis**, UK-based artist whose paintings explore political histories and social space.

Saturday Sound Series at the Torrance Art Museum, Experimental Music and Noise, June 21, 12pm to 3pm.

July 11 - 13, **TRYST** the International Alternative Art Fair and **NOMAD** a giant pop-up of SoCal artists. Over 60 galleries from around the world and 200 artists! Off site at Del Amo Crossing. FREE!

Torrance Art Museum

City of Torrance Community Services Department | Cultural Services Division presents

Stories in Art

May 22, 2025 4 - 6 pm



**Join us for a Creative
Museum Adventure!**

Kids Ages 6-11

- **Storytelling inspired by Art Exhibition at TAM**
- **Guided tour at the Torrance Art Museum**
- **Hands-on Art Workshop at the Children's Art Wing**
- **A themed library booklist**
- **Children must be accompanied by an adult**

Enroll Now!

TORRANCE.REC.US

Class #: 266633-01



**Hours of Operation: Tuesday – Saturday, 11am – 5pm,
Operating hours during exhibition dates only.**

The Torrance Art Museum is the premier visual art space to view contemporary art in the South Bay. It is a program of the City of Torrance Cultural Services Division of the Community Services Department. All events are FREE to the public.

CITY OF TORRANCE
COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT



PRESENTING SPONSOR



FREE ALL SUMMER
JUNE 7 - AUGUST 30, 2025
WILSON PARK AMPHITHEATRE
2200 CRENSHAW BLVD.

* Some events held at alternate locations.
Visit website for details.

**Picnics, blankets, and
lawn chairs welcome!**



For more information:

www.TorranceCa.Gov/CulturalServices

JUNE 7
5:00 PM

BRITAIN'S FINEST EPK
Beatles Tribute Band

JUNE 14
8:00 PM

MOVIE IN THE PARK*
Dog Man - La Romeria Park

JUNE 21
5:00 PM

LOCKED OUT OF HEAVEN
Bruno Mars Tribute Band

JUNE 28
5:00 PM

BLUE BREEZE BAND
Blues, Soul, R&B, Jazz

JULY 5
5:00 PM

ANDY & RENEE & HARD RAIN
Woodstock Retrospective

JULY 11-13
12-6 PM

TRYST INTL ART FAIR & NOMAD*
Del Amo Crossing, Hawthorne Blvd

JULY 12
8:00 PM

MOVIE IN THE PARK*
Moana 2 - De Portola Park

JULY 19
5:00 PM

SPACE ODDITY
David Bowie Tribute Band

JULY 26
5:00 PM

ABBA LA
ABBA Tribute Band

AUG 2
5:00 PM

GET LIT - WORDS IGNITE*
Workshop and Poetry Slam - Torino Plaza

AUG 9
8:00 PM

MOVIE IN THE PARK*
Sonic The Hedgehog 3 - Wilson Park

AUG 16
5:00 PM

LA CHARANGA CUBANA
Grammy-Nominated Salsa Band

AUG 23
5:00 PM

SANGRE NUEVA
Salsa Band

AUG 30
5:00 PM

PETTY THEFT
Tom Petty Tribute Band

