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**TORRANCE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION AGENDA  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 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, Candioty, Carrasco, Duncan, Klinenberg, Polcari and Chair Hsiao

**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, October 16, 2025.

**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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**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 Commission Minutes: September 15, 2025**

**7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**7A. CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER – APPROVE THE 2024-2025 CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT**

Recommendation of the Cultural Services Manager that the Cultural Arts Commission approve the 2024-2025 Cultural Arts Annual report.

**7B. CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER – ACCEPT AND FILE CULTURAL SERVICES UPDATES**

Recommendation of the Cultural Services Manager that the Cultural Arts Commission accept and file monthly updates for the Cultural Services Division.

**8. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**9A.** Adjournment of the Cultural Arts Commission Meeting to Monday, November 17, 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 THE MEETING TO ORDER**

The Torrance Cultural Arts Commission convened in a regular session at 7:00 PM on Monday, September 15, 2025, in the West Annex meeting room, 3031 Torrance Boulevard.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioners Cabrera, Carrasco, Klinenberg, and Chair Hsiao.

Absent: Commissioners Candioly, Duncan and Polcari

Also Present: Community Services Director John LaRock

**2. FLAG SALUTE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Carrasco

**3. REPORT ON POSTING OF THE AGENDA**

Community Service Director John LaRock reported that the agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Boulevard and on the City's website on Thursday, September 11, 2025.

**4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWAL, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Klinenberg moved to approve an excused absence for Commissioner Candioly. Commissioner Cabrera seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 4-0 approval. (Absent: Commissioners Candioly, Duncan and Polcari)

Commissioner Klinenberg Cabrera moved to approve an excused absence for Commissioner Duncan. Commissioner Klinenberg seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 4-0 approval. (Absent: Commissioners Candioly, Duncan and Polcari)

Commissioner Cabrera moved to approve an excused absence for Commissioner Polcari. Commissioner Carrasco seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 4-0 approval. (Absent: Commissioners Candioly, Duncan and Polcari)

**5. ORAL COMMUNICATION**

A member of the public spoke.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: AUGUST 18, 2025**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Carrasco moved to approve August 18, 2025 minutes as amended. Commissioner Cabrera seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 4-0 approval. (Absent: Commissioners Candioly, Duncan and Polcari)

**7. ADMISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**7A. CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER – ACCEPT AND FILE CULTURAL SERVICES UPDATES**

Community Services Director John LaRock introduced and gave a brief Cultural Services update written by Cultural Services Manager Monica Harte  
Commission discussed and asked questions.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Klinenberg moved to receive and file the Cultural Services updates. Commissioner Carrasco seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 4-0 approval. (Absent: Commissioners Candioly, Duncan and Polcari)

**7B. CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER – APPROVE RECONSIDERATION OF NEW UTILITY BOX SUBMISSIONS FOR RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL**

Community Services Director John LaRock introduced and gave a brief presentation on the item.

Commission discussed and asked questions.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Klinenberg moved to not reopen the item regarding the Utility Box Submissions and submit the previously chosen 12 designs to the City Council for final approval. The three (3) late entries to be considered during the next selection round. Commissioner Carrasco seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 4-0 approval. (Absent: Commissioners Candioly, Duncan and Polcari)

**7C. CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER – DISCUSS AND APPROVE EXCELLENCE IN ARTS RECIPIENTS**

Community Services Director John LaRock introduced and gave a brief presentation of the item.

Commission discussed the item.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Klinenberg moved to approve the Subcommittee's recommendations for the 2025 Excellence in Arts Awards, and the commissioner assignments for presenting at the Excellence In Arts Awards event were selected as follows; Dance –Carrasco, Drama and Theatre Arts – Candioly, Literary Arts – Duncan, Music – Klinenberg, Visual Arts and Design – Polcari, Katy Gissert – Chair Hsiao and Emerging Artist – Cabrea. Commissioner Cabrera seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 4-0 approval. (Absent: Commissioners Candioly, Duncan and Polcari)

**8. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Commissioners and staff provided final comments

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

9A. **MOTION:** At 7:29 PM, Commissioner Carrasco moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, October 20, 2025 at 7:00 PM in the West Annex Conference Room, located at 3301 Torrance Blvd., Torrance, CA 90503. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Klinenberg; a roll call vote reflected 4-0 approval. (Absent: Commissioners Candioly, Duncan and Polcari)

DRAFT SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

For Commission Meeting  
October 20, 2025

**TO: CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION**  
**FROM: MONICA HARTE, CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER**  
**SUBJECT: APPROVE THE 2024-2025 CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation of the Cultural Services Manager that the Cultural Arts Commission approve the 2024-2025 Cultural Arts annual report.

**BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS**

Each year staff presents the Commission with the Cultural Arts annual report for consideration and approval. The report highlights some of the various discussions on different programs and projects that were part of the Commission's agenda. The report is also a summary of their meetings and activities for the past fiscal year. With the Commission's approval staff will be forwarding the recommendation to City Council for acceptance and filing.

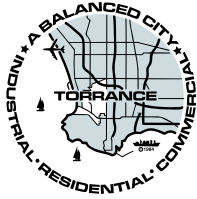
Respectfully submitted,



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Monica Harte  
Cultural Services Manager

Attachment:

- 1) 2024-2025 Cultural Arts Commission Annual Report



**City of Torrance**  
**CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION**

**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**for July 2024 to June 2025**

**Chairperson:** Lynda Kraemer  
**Vice-Chairperson:** Steven Hsiao

**Commissioners:**

Andres Cabrera	Keila Carrasco	Sacha Duncan	Steven Hsiao
Randy Klinenberg	Lynda Kraemer	Michelle Polcari	

The Cultural Arts Commission completed the year with discussions on different programs and projects. Here is a summary of their meetings and activities:

**Public Events:**

Cultural Arts Commissioners have actively participated in and attended many events this year. At the Commission meetings there are regularly positive comments about attending exhibition openings at the Torrance Art Museum, theatre performances at the Torrance Theatre Company in downtown Torrance and at the Armstrong Theatre, Bunka-Sai, the Annual Cherry Blossom Festival held at Columbia Park in March, and Officials Night for the Torrance Rose Float Association.

**Standing Committees:**

The Cultural Arts Commission has the following standing committees: Excellence in Arts and Facilities.

The *Excellence in Arts Committee* was comprised of Commissioners Carrasco, Klinenberg and was chaired by Commissioner Polcari. The Excellence in Arts Awards are given to individuals who and organizations that make outstanding contributions to the arts in Torrance.

The *Facilities Committee* was not required during the year 2024-2025.

**Highlights:**

- The Commission reviewed the marketing, outreach artwork submissions for the Utility Box Public Art Pilot Program for art wrapped traffic Control and Utility boxes throughout the City of Torrance. Cultural Arts Commission received and provided input on the following elements of a pilot program:
  - Approved expansion of the geographical reach for Artist submissions to the entire state of California.
  - Recommended 13 artworks to submit to the City Council for consideration along with remaining 71 submissions.
- The Commission hosted the 46th annual Excellence in Art Awards on Saturday October 28, 2024. Recipients were recognized for their outstanding contributions to the arts in Torrance. Receiving awards were Garry Lawrence in Music; Ilona Glinarsky in Dance; Caroline Cheng

in Visual Arts & Design; Daniel Scipio in Drama and Theatre Arts; Ed Trimis in Arts Education; Ruth Stevens in Literary Arts; Diane Reeves received the Golden Circle Award; and Kirk Rossberg received the Katy Geissert Award for Outstanding Dedication to the Arts .

Respectfully submitted,

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Steven Hsiao, Chairperson  
Cultural Arts Commission

CONCUR:

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Monica Harte  
Cultural Services Manager

**TO: CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION**

**FROM: MONICA HARTE, CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER**

**SUBJECT: ACCEPT AND FILE CULTURAL SERVICES DIVISION UPDATES**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation of the Cultural Services Manager that the Cultural Arts Commission accept and file Cultural Services Division updates.

- The **Torrance Theatre Company's** (TTC) production of **LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS** opened October 4, 2025. The production was sold out weeks before it opened and they managed to add one performance, which also sold out. There is a waitlist for cancellations, and you have until October 25<sup>th</sup> to try to get a seat.
- The **Torrance Art Museum** (TAM) opened **Baker's Dozen** on October 18, 2025. This exhibition features thirteen artists whose work made an impression upon the Torrance Art Museum Curators over the past year, but whose work didn't fit easily into the scheduled exhibitions. Bakers Dozen is an opportunity to combine these artists into one extraordinary exhibition that reflects the current trends in contemporary art practices. Please visit [TorranceArtMuseum.com](http://TorranceArtMuseum.com).
- The **City Academy of the Arts – Torrance** is gaining momentum with private lessons. Our community members can easily browse available instructors and book directly with them or request the Rec.US Concierge Team to match them. It's so easy! Soon we'll have musical instruments available to borrow for those who don't have their own instruments, or for families who want to provide lessons for multiple members of their family. Please visit [www.TorranceCA.Gov/services/Cultural-Services-Division-Arts-and-Classes/CAAT](http://www.TorranceCA.Gov/services/Cultural-Services-Division-Arts-and-Classes/CAAT)
- The **Cultural Arts Commission** celebrated the 47<sup>th</sup> **Excellence in Arts Awards** which were held at the Toyota Meeting Hall on October 18, 2025. Seven awardees were honored for their achievements in the arts. This year's recipients:
  - Dance ..... Sjaan Trowbridge
  - Drama & Theatre Arts ..... Chris Tiernan
  - Emerging Artist ..... Jorge Macias
  - Literary Arts ..... Ryan & Sasha Miller
  - Music ..... Bradley Hampton
  - Visual Arts & Design ..... Brainstorm Productions
  - Katy Geissert Award ..... Visions of Unity
- The Torrance Rose Float Association is busy preparing for the December Officials' Night. They have two decorator meetings scheduled: October 16th and November 20th. Please

visit <https://www.torrancerosefloat.org/> to learn more and sign up to help decorate the float.

Respectfully submitted,



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Monica Harte  
Cultural Services Manager

Attachment:

- 1) TTC – Little Shop of Horrors
- 2) TAM – Bakers Dozen
- 3) CAAT – Culmination
- 4) Excellence in Arts
- 5) Torrance Rose Float – Officials Night

**TORRANCE THEATRE COMPANY**  
PRESENTS



BOOK BY **HOWARD ASHMAN**

MUSIC BY **ALAN MENKEN**

LYRICS BY **HOWARD ASHMAN**

BASED ON THE FILM BY ROGER CORMAN, SCREENPLAY BY CHARLES GRIFFITH

This deviously delicious Broadway musical, has devoured the hearts of theatre goers for over 30 years! The charmingly tongue-in-cheek comedy is the longest-running Off-Broadway show, and it has been produced across the globe becoming one of the most popular shows in the world. Come and feed your need for musical hilarity with this sci-fi smash about a man-eating plant.

DIRECTED BY **CHRIS TIERNAN**

MUSICAL DIRECTION BY **ANGELICA ROQUE** - CHOREOGRAPHY BY **DANIEL SCIPIO**

**OCT. 4-25, 2025**    **INFO & TICKETS**

1316 Cabrillo Ave. Torrance, 90501

[www.TorranceTheatreCompany.com](http://www.TorranceTheatreCompany.com)



A program of the Cultural Services Division of the Torrance Community Services Department.  
[www.TorranceCA.Gov](http://www.TorranceCA.Gov). Sponsored in part by Friends of Torrance Theatre Company.  
Little Shop of Horrors is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. [www.mtishows.com](http://www.mtishows.com)



# BAKER'S DOZEN

Baker's Dozen acts as a review of sorts—a survey exhibition featuring thirteen artists whose work made a positive impression on the curators over the past year. These thirteen artists reflect current directions in Southern California's contemporary art practices.

Historically, a “baker's dozen” refers to thirteen instead of twelve, originating in 13th-century England, when bakers would include an extra loaf of bread to avoid punishment by King Henry III for selling underweight loaves. This exhibition draws on that idea, acknowledging the curators' own preconceptions and biases, while centering artistic endeavors rooted in the present moment.

Participating Artists:

Brenna Youngblood, Brian Hubble, Canyon Castator, Joaquin Boz, Jason Lahr, Jenny Rask, Joshua Nathanson, Justin Lyons, Nadine Schelbert, Nick Modrzewski, Rema Ghuloum, Rosalie Smith, Shannon Freshwater



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*Excellence*  
*in Arts* AWARDS

*Emerging Artist*

Jorge Macias

*Visual Arts*

Brainstorm Productions

*Drama & Theatre Arts*

Christopher Tiernan

*Music*

Bradley Hampton

*Dance*

Sjaan Trowbridge

*Literary Arts*

Ryan and Sasha Miller

*Katy Geissent*

Visions of Unity



The City of Torrance and the Torrance Rose Float Association cordially invite you to join us for

## *Official's Night*

**Tuesday, December 30, 2025**

**Check-in 5:15 p.m.**

City Hall West Annex, 3031 Torrance Blvd.

The last bus leaves by 6:00 p.m. Buses return by 9:30 p.m.

**Reservations Required:**

RSVP to (310) 618-3846, limit of to up to 3 guests for each official.

**Information:**

Warm clothing and walking shoes are recommended.

Warm drinks and cookies will be served.

Pins, programs, rose vials, and t-shirts will be available for purchase.

We will have an aerial view of the floats via ADA accessible catwalk.

Round access only available at the City of Torrance Float.)



[www.TorranceRoseFloat.org](http://www.TorranceRoseFloat.org)

