

Activities Report from Cultural Arts Office, October 11, 2012

Family Concert Saturday!



Harpist Charissa Barger will present a family concert at Central Library on Saturday, September 22 from 11-12pm. Charissa has established herself as an inspiring performing artist and dedicated arts educator in Southern California. Her technical mastery and expressive playing keep her in high demand as a soloist, chamber and orchestral musician. As an ambassador for new music, Charissa has premiered numerous works, collaborated with composers and performed for innovative concerts and recordings. She is an enthusiastic educator and seeks to use music as a tool to help students reach their high potentials.

Charissa currently lives in Los Angeles where she is a candidate for the Master of Music degree at the University of Southern California. She received an Artist Diploma from the prestigious Colburn Conservatory of Music and a Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Michigan, where she was a Rogel scholar.

Cleopatra on October 2

The City Arts Commission's tour to the California Science Center on Tuesday, October 2 has sold out. Fifty registrants will visit "Cleopatra, the Exhibition" and take part in a docent-led tour, catered lunch and group screening of the IMAX film "Mysteries of Egypt".

In the next couple of months Cultural Arts will be coordinating a winter tour to the Norton Simon Museum where Van Gogh's famous "Self Portrait", (1889) will be on loan from the National Gallery of Art in Washington D.C.

Cultural Arts Grant Applications Due

Friday, September 28, applications for the 2012-13 Cultural Arts Grant program will be due in the Arts Coordinator's office by 4pm. The applications have been advertised and will support cultural arts programs for citizens of Newport Beach. Last year's Cultural Arts Grants recipients were ExplorOcean, Baroque Music Festival, South Coast Repertory Theater, Southland Opera, Festival Ballet Theatre, Newport Beach Film Festival and the Newport/Mesa YMCA. Arts Commissioners will be considering grant proposals and funding levels at their October meeting. In November, their recommendations will go to City Council for final approval and checks will be presented at a subsequent City Council meeting.



Beautiful Siren, Tragic Lover, Powerful Queen, Who Was the Real Cleopatra?

Tuesday, October 2 staff had coordinated the Arts Commission's museum tour to "Cleopatra: The Exhibition" at the California Science Center. Fifty people attended on a rather warm October day, including Arts Commissioners Caroline Logan, husband Hugh, and Rita Goldberg. Most fascinating was the discovery of ancient relics related to Cleopatra in the sea near Alexandria, from tiny gold coins to colossal statues. These finds give us an intriguing glimpse of ancient Egypt in the days before its final conquest by Rome – and tell us more about the intriguing Queen of Egypt. Also included in the tour was a lunch in the Rose Garden Café and a viewing of the IMAX film "Mysteries of Egypt" featuring Omar Sharif and granddaughter.

Cultural Arts Grants Program

On Friday, September 28 applications for the 2012-2013 Cultural Arts Grant Program were due in the Cultural Arts Office. Eleven organizations have applied for grants and the applications were processed by staff and sent to the Arts Commission for review (applications are available to read in the Administrative Office at Central Library.) The Arts Commission will be reviewing the applications all week before their regular meeting on October 11. At that time they will make recommendations for this year's funding. On November 13, the recommendations will be provided to City Council for approval.

Arts Commissioner Tour the Civic Center

The City Arts Commission, members of the Library Board of Trustees and staff were able to tour the new Civic Center and Park on Thursday, October 4. Assistant City Manager Steve Badum, Library Director Cynthia Cowell, architects, and contractors for the new site were able to lead the group through the amazing structures and explain many of the building and park features.

Guitar Virtuoso Joseph Yashar to Play this Sunday, October 7 at 3pm for Musicale



Joseph Yashar started playing the guitar at the age of 12. Primarily self-taught since then, he continued his musical education at Orange Coast College, and was the recipient of several scholarships for private studies. His repertoire contains internationally celebrated virtuoso masterpieces from the Renaissance, Baroque and Classical periods. Joseph is also well versed in a collection of Spanish, Latin and new classical guitar music, including his own original compositions and arrangements.

Cultural Arts and Arts Commission Meetings & Events Calendar, 2012-2013

2012 Arts Commission Meetings:

October 11, November 8, December 13. **2013:** January 10, February 14, March 13, April 11, May 9, June 13, July 11, August 8, September 12, October 10, November 14, December 12.

Programs and Events:

2012

Central Library Exhibitions (Literacy Learner Essays) <i>Searching for Democracy</i> Cabinet Displays	Through 2012 Through 2012
City Hall Exhibit (Lenahan collection)	Until Move to Civic Center

Cultural Arts Grants

Cultural Arts Grant Completion Report due	09/28/12
City Council Staff Report Approval	11/13/12
Presentation of Checks to Grantees	11/27/12 (during CC Presentations, 7pm)

2013

Museum Tour: 'Van Gogh' Self Portrait on Loan, Norton Simon	2/21/13 (9:00am-4:30pm)
Newport Beach Art Exhibition and Sale (Oasis)	4/13/12 (set-up 4/12/12 after 4)

Cultural Arts staff will also be working on these classical music events for the NBPL/Friends of NBPL:

Sunday Musicales and Family Concerts

Sundays:

~~September 9 – Triple Entendre, Chamber Music~~
~~October 7 – Joseph Yashar, Virtuoso Guitar~~
November 18 – Kate Loughrey, Harpist
January 13 – Krechkovsky/Loucks Duo, Violin and Piano
February 10 – Charged Particles, Electric Jazz
March 10 – Natur Early Music Ensemble, Classical, Historical

Saturdays:

~~September 22 – Harp for Little Hearts~~
October 20 – Southland Opera