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**TORRANCE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION AGENDA
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026
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, Candioly, 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 Wednesday, February 18, 2026.

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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Limited up to a 30-minute period)

This portion of the meeting is reserved for comment 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 2 minutes 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: January 26, 2026

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7A. CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER – ACCEPT AND FILE PRESENTATION OF TRASH TO ART PROJECT BY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Recommendation of the Cultural Services Manager that the Cultural Arts Commission accept and file the presentation for Trash to Art Project by Kayla Cassillas

7B. CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER – NOMINATE SUBCOMMITTEE FOR EXCELLENCE IN ARTS AWARDS AND APPROVE 2026 CEREMONY DATE

Recommendation of the Cultural Services Manager that the Cultural Arts Commission:

1. Nominate a subcommittee to discuss and aid in the organization of the 2026 Excellence in Arts Award Ceremony; and
2. Approve Sunday, October 18, 2026, for the 2026 Excellence In Arts Awards Ceremony.

7C. 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, March 16, 2026, 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, January 26, 2026, in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room, 3031 Torrance Boulevard.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Cabrera, Candioty, Klinenberg, Polcari, and Chair Hsiao.

Absent: None

Also Present: Cultural Services Manager Monica Harte, Community Services Director Ted Stevens, Economic Development Manager Fran Fulton, and Public Engagement Manager Jin Chun.

2. FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Klinenberg.

3. REPORT ON 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 Thursday, January 22, 2026.

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

None

5. ORAL COMMUNICATION

Members of the public spoke.

New Community Services Director Ted Stevens introduced himself to the Commission.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: NOVEMBER 17, 2025

MOTION: Commissioner Klinenberg moved to approve November 17, 2025 minutes. Commissioner Candioty seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 5-0 approval.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7A. CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER – ACCEPT AND FILE THE APPLICATION AND DESIGN RENDERING FOR THE DOUBLETREE BY HILTON TORRANCE MURAL.

Cultural Services Manager Harte introduced and presented the item.

Commissioners discussed and asked questions; Cultural Services Manager Harte and Economic Development Manager Fulton answered questions.

MOTION: Commissioner Cabrera moved to receive and file the design rendering for the proposed public art mural at Doubletree by Hilton Torrance South Bay located at 21333 Hawthorne Boulevard, Torrance, CA mural application featuring Dodger Players Ohtani, Yamamoto and Sasaki. Commissioner Polcari seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 5-0 approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Candioly moved to approve the artwork for recommendation to the City Council. Commissioner Polcari seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 3-2 approval. YES; Polcari Candioly Hsiao NO; Cabrera Klinenberg

7B. CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER – ACCEPT AND FILE PRESENTATION OF TORRANCE PASSPORT BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

Cultural Services Manager Harte introduced the item.

Public Engagement Manager Chun presented the item.

Commissioners discussed and asked questions; Public Engagement Manager Chun answered questions.

MOTION: Commissioner Candioly moved to receive and file presentation of the Torrance Passport Project by Public Engagement Manager, Jin Chun. Commissioner Polcari seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 5-0 approval.

7C. CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER – ACCEPT AND FILE CULTURAL UPDATES

Cultural Services Manager Harte introduced and presented the item.

MOTION: Commissioner Klinenberg moved to accept and file monthly updates for the Cultural Services Division. Commissioner Candioly seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 5-0 approval.

8. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioners and staff provided final comments.

Commissioner Cabrera suggested a possible item for the Commission; a discussion regarding the use of an automated email system to get the word out on upcoming events to the residents of Torrance.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 8:10 PM, Commissioner Klinenberg moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, February 23, 2026 at 7:00 PM in the West Annex Conference Room, located at 3301 Torrance Blvd., Torrance, CA 90503. Commissioner Cabrera seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 5-0 approval.

For Commission Meeting
February 23, 2026

TO: CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

FROM: MONICA HARTE, CULTURALSERVICES MANAGER

**SUBJECT: ACCEPT AND FILE PRESENTATION OF TRASH TO ART PROJECT BY
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the Cultural Services Manager that the Cultural Arts Commission accept and file the presentation for Trash to Art Project by Kayla Cassillas from the Public Works Department.

Respectfully submitted,



Monica Harte
Cultural Services Manager

For Commission Meeting
February 23, 2026

TO: CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

FROM: MONICA HARTE, CULTURALSERVICES MANAGER

SUBJECT: NOMINATE SUBCOMMITTEE FOR EXCELLENCE IN ARTS AWARDS AND APPROVE 2026 CEREMONY DATE

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Monica Harte
Cultural Services Manager

For Commission Meeting
February 23, 2026

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 **The Cottage** by American playwright, Sandy Rustin, last show will be on February 28, 2026. The show received a rave review from Steven Stanley which can be viewed at StageSceneLA.com/2026/02/the-cottage/. **The Book of Will** is cast and rehearsals begin February 23rd. The story begins after the death of William Shakespeare and follows his friends as they compile the First Folio to preserve his words. This play tells a true story of love, loss, and laughter.

Hot Tip will be performing March 1, 2026. Tickets for both Hot Tip and The Book of Will are available at TorranceTheatreCompany.com.

- The **Torrance Art Museum** (TAM) -- **Defending Ethical Integrity: the New Degenerate Art** and **Nine Visions X Nine Artists** ends on February 21, 2026. The show has received rave reviews, and the exhibitions have attracted numerous visitors.

The next exhibition is **Ralph Steadman: and Another Thing**, the first solo show in Gallery One in 17 years, illustrating the importance of Ralph Steadman. The exhibition spans more than 60 years of Steadman's career with 149 original artworks and ephemera, sketchbooks, children's books, magazines, personal photographs and handwritten notes that tell the stories of how some of the artworks were born.

- The **City Academy of the Arts – Torrance** Summer Theatre Day Camps already have 53 enrollments. New classes and workshops include Adult Hip Hop, Photography, and Eccentrics.
- The **Cherry Blossom Festival**, Sunday, March 29, 2026, has numerous City and Community Booth confirmations and more than 40 craft vendors signed up to date.

Respectfully submitted,

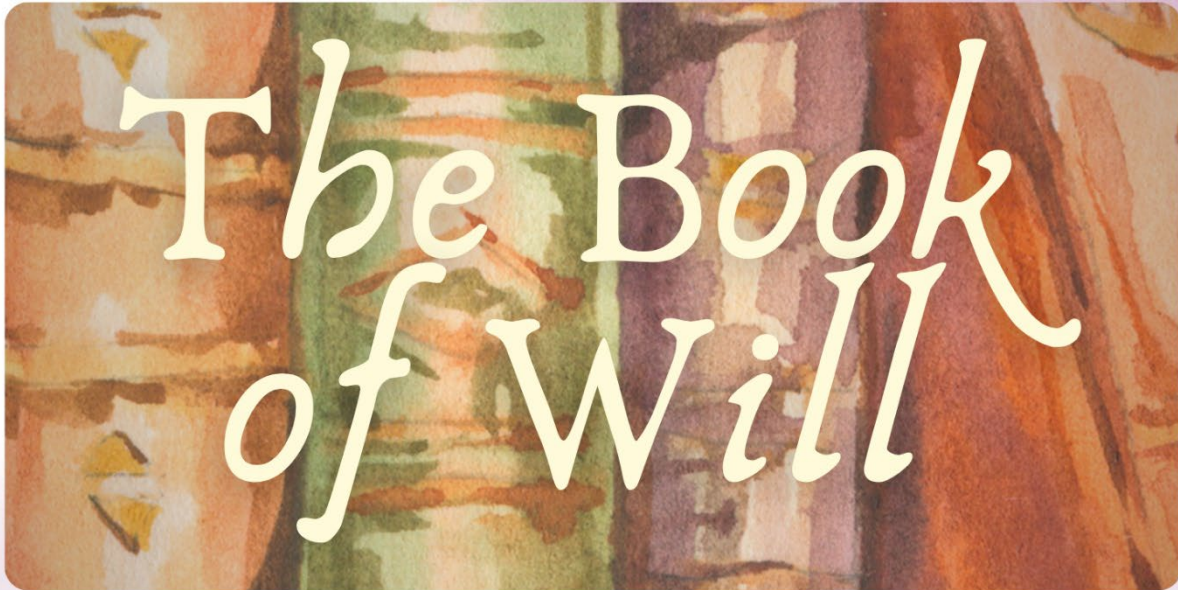


Monica Harte
Cultural Services Manager

Attachment:

- 1) TTC – The Book of Will
- 2) TAM – Ralph Steadman: and Another Thing
- 3) Cherry Blossom Festival

TORRANCE THEATRE COMPANY
PRESENTS



WRITTEN BY **LAUREN GUNDERSON**

Without William Shakespeare, we wouldn't have literary masterpieces like Romeo and Juliet. But without Henry Condell and John Heminges, we would have lost half of Shakespeare's plays forever! After the death of their friend and mentor, the two actors are determined to compile the First Folio and preserve the words that shaped their lives. They'll just have to borrow, beg, and band together to get it done. THE BOOK OF WILL finds an unforgettable true story of love, loss, and laughter, and sheds new light on a man you may think you know.

APR. 4-25, 2026 INFO & TICKETS

1316 Cabrillo Ave. Torrance, 90501

www.TorranceTheatreCompany.com



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MAIN GALLERY: *Ralph Steadman: and Another Thing*

March 28 - May 9, 2026

This traveling exhibition spans over 60 years of Ralph Steadman's influential career, featuring more than 140 original artworks and ephemera, including sketchbooks, handwritten notes, and personal photographs. Steadman is best known for his long collaboration with Hunter S. Thompson, notably illustrating "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas." Their partnership helped define Gonzo journalism, a style of reporting that blends personal experience with political commentary. Coined by journalist Bill Cardoso, Gonzo's impact is still felt today in online news, editorial pieces, social media, and political punditry.

The exhibition showcases his diverse body of work, from iconic illustrations for Lewis Carroll's "Alice in Wonderland" and Robert Louis Stevenson's "Treasure Island" to collections like "The Gonzovation Trilogy," created in collaboration with documentarian and filmmaker Ceri Levy to raise awareness about endangered species. Featured works include nine portraits of U.S. Presidents, over 20 images of famous people, including T.S. Eliot, Karl Marx, Virginia Woolf, and George Orwell, and "Vintage Dr. Gonzo," a life-size bronze sculpture.

This exhibition is organized by the Ralph Steadman Art Collection. Sponsored by United Therapeutics, Flying Dog, and Beta Technologies.

GALLERY TWO: *Stuart Kusher: Ascension*

DARK ROOM: *Barbara Streisand Portrait Bender: Fear & Loathing Returns to the Flamingo*, a video work by artist Tom Dunn

City of
TORRANCE
California

Community Services Department Presents

CHERRY BLOSSOM CULTURAL FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026

11 AM - 4 PM

COLUMBIA PARK

4045 190TH ST, TORRANCE 90503

FREE Community Event

Family Friendly

Free Art Projects

Pan-Asian Performances

Arts and Crafts Fair

Food Trucks

**FREE PARKING AND SHUTTLE SERVICE
PROVIDED AT 20420 MADRONA AVE.**

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