

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Pursuant to Section 54956 of the Government Code of the State of California, a Special Meeting of the **TRACY ARTS COMMISSION** is hereby called for:

Date/Time: **Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.**
(or as soon thereafter as possible)

Location: **Grand Theatre Center for the Arts. Visual Arts I**
715 Central Avenue, Tracy, CA 95376

Government Code Section 54954.3 states that every public meeting shall provide an opportunity for the public to address the Tracy Arts Commission on any item, before or during consideration of the item, however, no action shall be taken on any item not on the agenda. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.3(a), public comment is limited to only those items listed on this agenda.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment on Item 4 Only
4. Old Business
 - A. Discussion of 2026 Arts Month Planning
5. Items from the Commission
6. Items from Staff
7. Adjournment

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**CITY OF TRACY
TRACY ARTS COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 18, 2026**

AGENDA ITEM 4. A.

REQUEST

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF TRACY ARTS COMMISSION PROGRAMMING FOR TRACY ARTS MONTH, APRIL 2026

DISCUSSION

Tracy Arts Month is an annual celebration of creativity and culture organized by the Cultural Arts Division in the City of Tracy. A series of public events featuring artists and arts organizations from across the local area is promoted and presented across the month of April.

The Tracy Arts Commission (TAC) has recommended participation in Downtown Tracy Arts Month in April, 2026, with a working budget of \$3,000 supporting hands-on, community programming at the Grand Theatre Center for the Arts.

Discussion Commenced at the regular meeting of March 10 with all commissioners participating. Staff discussed Arts month programming that is currently scheduled at The Grand (Attachment A). Commissioner Reis submitted a proposal for consideration (Attachment B).

Discussion will continue at the March 18 Special Meeting with final recommendations of programming and support to be approved and voted on.

FISCAL IMPACT

Appropriation of Tracy Arts Commission funding in the Cultural Arts Division budget in the amount of \$3,000 has been recommended for Tracy Arts Month, April 2026 programming components.

RECOMMENDATION

Discussion of Programming for Downtown Tracy Arts Month, April 2026

Prepared By: Robert Tombari, Cultural Arts Division Manager

Reviewed By: Arturo M. Sanchez, Assistant City Manager

Approved By: Arturo M. Sanchez, Assistant City Manager

Attachment A

Grand Theatre Center for The Arts – Arts Month

1. Tracy Camera Club
 - a. Date: 4/8/26
 - b. Time: 6PM
 - c. Location: Grand Theatre - Visual 1
 - d. Cost: Free
2. Tracy Art League
 - a. Date: 4/9/26
 - b. Time: 7PM
 - c. Location: Grand Theatre - Studio Theatre
 - d. Cost: Free
3. Lounge Night
 - a. Date: 4/10/26
 - b. Time: 7PM
 - c. Artist: Common Thread
 - d. Location: Grand Theatre - Lobby
 - e. Cost: Free
4. Sign Language: A form of Art?
 - a. Date: 4/11/26
 - b. Time: 12PM
 - c. Location: Grand Theatre – Visual 1
5. NorCal Rockfest II: The Metal Year
 - a. Date: 4/11/26
 - b. Time: 7:30PM
 - c. Location: Grand Theatre - EK Theatre
 - d. Cost: \$20
6. Tracy Arts Commission
 - a. Date: 4/14/26
 - b. Time: 7PM
 - c. Location: Grand Theatre - Visual 1
 - d. Cost: Free
7. Open Mic Night
 - a. Date: 4/16/26
 - b. Time: 7PM
 - c. Location: Grand Theatre – Studio Theatre
 - d. Cost: Free

8. Tracy Earth Project Presents: Common Sense
 - a. Date: 4/17/26
 - b. Time: 7PM
 - c. Location: Grand Theatre – EK Theatre
 - d. Cost: Free
9. Secret Art Society
 - a. Date: 4/17/26
 - b. Time: 7PM
 - c. Location: Grand Theatre – Art Gallery
 - d. Cost: Free
10. Scott Patterson
 - a. Date: 4/19/26
 - b. Time: 7PM
 - c. Location: Grand Theatre – EK Theatre
 - d. Cost: \$40 - \$50
11. San Francisco Shakespeare Presents: *Julius Caesar*
 - a. Date: 4/23/26
 - b. Time: 7PM
 - c. Location: Grand Theatre – EK Theatre
 - d. Cost: Free
12. Classical Languages: Our Forgotten Debt
 - a. Date: 4/25/26
 - b. Time: 12PM
 - c. Location: Grand Theatre – Visual 1
 - d. Cost: Free
13. Open Mic Night #2
 - a. Date: 4/25/26
 - b. Time: 7PM
 - c. Location: Grand Theatre – EK Theatre
 - d. Cost: Free
14. Tracy Friends of the Library Presents: 6th Annual Tracy Poetry Contest Awards
 - a. Date: 4/30/26
 - b. Time: TBD
 - c. Location: Grand Theatre – Studio Theatre
 - d. Cost: Free

WEAVIN' TO THE OPEN MIC

Organize a community mixed-media weave by setting up a simple but large, accessible loom on stage where Open Mic is performing or in an accessible space near it. Provide and let participants bring their own diverse materials—yarns, fabric scraps, ribbons, and found objects—to be interlaced over/under warp threads. Encourage creative, unstructured participation, letting community members add, layer, and embed items to collaboratively build a textured, shared masterpiece.

- **Location and Structure:** The Grand Theatre Center for the Arts, set up on stage or in a lobby or gallery space. Use a large-scale, sturdy rod that can be raised as weaving starts and increases.
- **Materials:** Begin with a durable rod that can be raised as the weaving increases from the bottom, secured at the sides with a functioning pulley, to raise it as needed. Attach strong, non-stretchy, durable chord or rope strands, attached at the rod and dangling down, each about 6 feet long. Scissors (ensure safety). Large metal fork to comb upward and pack media to push it together, to tighten the woven piece. Gather a variety of weaving items, including yarn, fabric strips from material or clothing, yarn, ribbons, natural elements, etc. Encourage the use of unconventional materials for added texture, that are preferably between 1-2 inches wide.
- **Set-up Station:** Arrange materials in baskets or on tables to make them easily accessible or people bring their own to add. Use signage to explain the project and encourage participation.
- **Guide Participants:** Start it off by demonstrating the basic over/under weaving technique, but encourage creative expression. Show participants how to embed their chosen small, meaningful objects into the weave.
- **Facilitate Collaborative Creation:** As music plays for Open Mic, encourage community members to work together on the piece, allowing for a mix of styles and techniques, as it becomes a paired piece with the music, either at the sides of the stage or behind.
- **Focus on Engagement:** Emphasize the experience of creating together rather than achieving a perfect, uniform result.
- **Make it Meaningful:** Encourage participants to weave in messages or symbolic items, personal to them, or random but colorful.
- **Finalize and Display:** After the event, you can add finishing touches and display the completed tapestry as a lasting symbol of community.

• **Supplies Expense:**

Wooden rod 72"	\$42.36
1/4" by 600-Foot Twisted Polypro, Brown	\$41.99
Recycled Sari Silk Yarn/Unique Bulky, Eco-Friendly 80+ Yards	\$21.99
Chunky Yarn, 3-Pack 72 yards, assorted colors	\$24.99
3-Piece Heavy Duty Scissors	\$19.99
Large Fork	\$11.19



