

DON'T MISS our 53rd Annual National Juried Exhibition of Works on Paper now in the Gallery at Brand through September 12. Through our open call, we had 1,011 artworks entered by more than 400 artists. We are incredibly grateful for this response given the fires in January that impacted so many artists and the general uncertainty of these times: proof positive of the healing properties of art and the strength of the artistic community.



Sean Cully with his kinetic sculpture, "Show Me Your Receipt," which won the top prize in this year's exhibition.

This year's juror is a member of our local arts community. Sigrid Burton lives and works in Pasadena and was represented by Glendale's Tufenkian Gallery for several years. She has appeared in previous Works on Paper exhibitions and considers color and drawing the foundation of her artistic practice. After careful and

time-consuming review of the entries, Sigrid focused on paper itself to guide her choices and Brand 53 demonstrates how paper can be used creatively in both traditional and idiosyncratic ways.

There is an abundance of 3D artworks on display, and artworks created using colored pencils are particularly noteworthy.

Brand 53 is our most important fund-raising event of the year, so bring your friends and family to



Brand 53 Juror Sigrid Burton at the opening on July 19.

see the exhibition and encourage them to support Brand Library & Art Center through membership in

the Associates, donations, or the purchase of artwork from Brand 53. The catalog for this show also is available at the check-out desk.

Newsletter Update

This issue of *BrandNews* is the first we intend to publish on a quarterly basis. Each will bring you an article or two on recent/current events, and each will include information on all the programs we sponsor and/or support, as timely as we can make it given information available at press time.

Please let us know if you find the publication helpful, and if you have suggestions for topics we might address. Thank you for your interest in the cultural activities at Brand, and for your support of Brand Associates.

OUR BIG HAUL

BY THAT TITLE we refer not just to the significant income we generated from this event, but that we hefted thousands of pounds of books, records, CDs, sheet music and other materials from the basement of Brand up to the recital room — and what materials weren't sold, back downstairs.

On February 7th and 8th of this year, art and music lovers converged on Brand for the Associates' Biennial Book and Music Sale. Over the past two years, generous



donations of art and music books, CDs, sheet music, and vinyl recordings created an event especially attractive to collectors. Art lovers also took advantage of the Robert Brown and Mary Owens prints that were available for purchase. As an extra treat, we unveiled our newest book bag, designed by Board member Mike Diehl.

At the end of the two-day event, the Associates generated more than \$5,000 for support of the many cultural programs that we fund at Brand.

Donations of art- and music-related items can be made at Brand during regular hours and will enable us to continue with this great fundraising event. CDs and vinyl are available for purchase in the reception area of Brand, as are the new tote bags.



The Associates welcomed volunteers from the Glendale office of New York Life Insurance led by Carlos Portillo, who joined us during our busiest hours on Saturday the 8th. Keeping books, records, CDs, and other materials upright and tidy is a major challenge during the sale and we appreciated their volunteer hours.



Our new tote bag, which debuted at the Book & Music Sale, is silk-screened on hefty canvas, and is available for purchase at the library check-out desk.

Annual Membership Meeting Report



Associates of Brand Library & Art Center Annual Membership Meeting 2024

THE ASSOCIATES Annual Membership meeting was held at Brand on Saturday, August 9. We had the required quorum of members and the Associates Board of Directors in attendance to share information and conduct business. As President of the Associates, I want to briefly let you know what you may have missed. We hosted Caley Cannon, Supervisor of Brand and Lessa Kanani'opua Pelayo-Lozado, Director, City of Glendale Library, Arts &

Culture Department, who each provided an overview of the offerings and activities available through our library system. Did you know that you can check out a telescope from the Central Library to do some serious star-gazing? We are part of a very impressive city department that provides amazing services to our community.

Our 2025 budget, which was approved by the Board in February, was reviewed with specific mention of the

income generated by the Think Space exhibition in the Gallery (\$16,000) and the Book and Music Sale at Brand in February (\$5,500). Those unexpected funds have provided us with a very comfortable financial cushion in this fiscal year. It is important to note, however, that membership, donations, and entrance fees for our yearly Works on Paper exhibition are the most reliable funding sources every year. Our Board has been actively seeking to increase our membership and encourage donations so that we can continue to fund the many programs at Brand that we are committed to supporting.

We are lucky to have an enthusiastic and talented Board to make everything happen. There was a vote

taken to approve Board members Tammy O'Connor and Mike Diehl to additional one-year terms and Tina Demirdjian to a two-year term. What this means is that by the end of 2026, we need to have replaced at least three Board members of the eight now serving. This will be a difficult task, and we ask you, our members, to consider greater commitment to the Associates by becoming Board



Lessa Kanani'opua Pelayo-Lozado, Director, City of Glendale Library, Arts & Culture Department

members. Please contact me at debra@associatesofbrand.org if you have any questions or if you have someone in mind who might be interested in working with the Board.

The Annual Meeting was also a place to showcase and hear from the Board members who keep us going from year to year and innovate with programs specifically created by the Associates. Please read this newsletter in full to get the complete picture of what the Associates of Brand brings to our community; we can and should be proud of what we do.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Debra Thompson,
President, Associates of
Brand Library & Art Center



Caley Cannon, Senior Library, Arts & Culture Supervisor, addresses attendees at our annual meeting

Art

THE GALLERY AT BRAND The Associates supports four to six exhibitions each year in Brand’s beautiful art gallery. Our popular Annual National Juried Exhibition of Works on Paper is a favorite of artists and art lovers alike.

ON VIEW / UPCOMING

- **Brand 53** — exhibition open through September 12
- **Crossings**, October 11 through January 3, 2026

Info: brandlibrary.org/gallery



Dance

THE DANCE SERIES Our acclaimed Dance Series includes original works performed by Southern California’s top dance ensembles. The works are often site-specific and performed to interact with the unique architecture or exhibitions inside and outside of the library.

SERIES COMPRISED OF FOUR EVENTS ON CONSECUTIVE SATURDAY AFTERNOONS IN LATE SPRING

Info: brandlibrary.org/dance-series



Astral Mixtape (Spring 2025)

Music

THE BRAND ASSOCIATES MUSIC SERIES Offering indoor concerts in the Winter and Spring, this series features renowned, award-winning artists performing a variety of classical and contemporary compositions.

FALL CONCERTS (2PM SATURDAYS IN THE RECITAL HALL AT BRAND)

- **October 11: Brendan White**
- **November 8: Greenberg/Zukovsky/Tang Trio**
- **November 22: Annelle Gregory**

Info: brandlibrary.org/music-series

THE SUMMER MUSIC SERIES Presented outdoors on Friday evenings from July through August, this relaxed, open-air venue includes an exciting and eclectic array of musical performers.

ARTISTS TO BE ANNOUNCED NEXT SPRING

Info: brandlibrary.org/summer-music-series



Film

THE REEL ART FILM SERIES Offered periodically throughout the year, the Reel Art Film Series presents films that focus on important visual and performing arts and artists. Evenings include post-screening Q&A sessions with experts in the field.

UPCOMING

- **September 11: *The Chicano Collection***

Info: brandlibrary.org/programs



ARTful Conversations

Poetry

ARTful CONVERSATIONS This innovative program educates attendees about Gallery exhibitions and then guides them to engage and reflect on their experience through writing poetry.

UPCOMING EVENTS

■ **September 9, December 2**

Info: brandlibrary.org/programs

Family Activities

The **MUSIC ANIMATED** and **MAKE IT!** programs give children of all ages a chance to express themselves with hands-on crafts and music making.

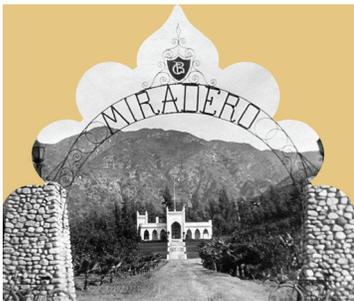
CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR INFO ON UPCOMING EVENTS IN BOTH OF THESE SERIES

Info: brandlibrary.org/programs



USC Kazan Taiko (from Spring 2025)

And more!



DOCENT TOURS Art Historian Dr. Valerie Taylor, a Brand Associates board member, presents the fascinating story of the Brand family and *Miradero*, the historic family home that is now Brand Library. *RSVP is mandatory!*

UPCOMING TOURS (ON SATURDAYS)

■ **November 15, December 6**

Info brandlibrary.org/programs#docent-tours

ART TALK TUESDAY is a monthly conversation that invites contemporary artists to discuss their work and the issues surrounding it, followed by a moderated Q&A with Brand staff member, artist and writer Jennifer Remenchik.

■ **September 4: Shanna Waddell**

■ **October 16: Ish Lipman**

■ **October 30: Andres Payan Estrada**

■ **November 13: Christina Ballantyne**

Info: brandlibrary.org/programs

Summer Music Series
concert, 2023



Join us!

HELP US continue with our tradition of engaging programming — *offered free to everyone* — by supporting the Associates financially. You can make a monthly or one-time donation or become a member of the Associates and contribute annually. Whatever you choose to do, we hope you will join us for all the wonderful events that Brand Library & Art Center has to offer.

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