

COMING YOUR WAY:

Brand 54 Annual National Juried Exhibition of Works on Paper

FOR THE ASSOCIATES of Brand Library & Art Center, the annual Works on Paper exhibition highlights our energy, commitment and organizational skills, all in service to making Brand the cultural center of Glendale. This year our juror is Tracy Bartley, an art professional who has spent her career working with notable artists such as David Hockney and R.B. Kitaj. From 1350 artworks that were submitted, she has chosen 100 beautiful examples of artistic imagination and skill. It is going to be a delightful exhibition!



Join us for the opening reception on June 6 from 7–9 PM. A jazz trio from Crescenta Valley High School will provide



Juror Tracy Bartley

musical background for light snacks, conversation and appreciation of the art on view.

Also, look for announcements of two adult workshops planned during the run of Brand 54 (June 6–August 28) where participants will have experience with paper as either a two- or three-dimensional material, as well as two opportunities to write poetry in conversation with the works.

The Times They Are A'changing...

A MESSAGE FROM BOARD PRESIDENT, DEBRA THOMPSON

OUR CURRENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS is an incredibly hard-working group that I have had the pleasure of working with for the past six years. On the Board are skilled graphic designers Greg Ross and Mike Diehl; I know you have all seen the beautiful banners, postcards, and flyers that they have created for us, as well as our Whistling Mona Lisa totebag! We have poet Tina Demirdjian who, along with art historian Valerie Taylor, PhD, created our innovative art and poetry nights, ARTful Conversations. Artist Emily Goff, art historian, and administrator Debra Burchett-Lere, and arts administrator Tammy O'Connor serve as Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice-President respectively.

We are a working Board: meeting to discuss plans and problems and putting in the time and energy to make things happen. Our biennial Book and Music Sale and the yearly Works on Paper exhibition are particularly challenging. The result of our labor produces the money that we provide to Brand Library & Art Center for programming.

This year is a year of transition for our Board as several members will be leaving us after fulfilling their terms and moving on to other (or fewer) obligations. We need new Board members to help us with our support of the library that we love! We welcome prospective Board members who feel passionate about Brand and want to see the cultural programming provided stay the same or even expand. Graphic design, bookkeeping and fundraising skills would be of great benefit to the Board, but ideas and enthusiasm are key to our success.

Please contact Debra Thompson at debra@associatesofbrand.org for more information. I am happy to talk to you about Board membership and our future.

Art

THE GALLERY AT BRAND The Associates supports all the exhibitions 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. Brand 54 is coming soon!

ON VIEW / UPCOMING

- **Neighborhood Ecology, open through May 9**
- **Brand 54, opens on June 6 (see feature article)**

Info: brandlibrary.org/gallery



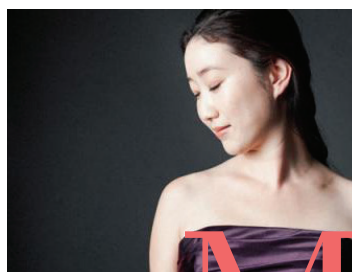
Dance

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.

UPCOMING (ALL EVENTS AT 6:00 PM):

- **Bipedal Herd, April 25**
- **Celeste Lanuza Dance Theater, May 2**
- **Deborah Rosen and Dancers, May 9**
- **LA Swing Dance Posse, May 16**

Info: brandlibrary.org/dance-series



Samantha Cho (performed on April 11, 2026)

Music

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 VERY SOON!

Info: brandlibrary.org/summer-music-series

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.

THE FALL 2026 CONCERT SCHEDULE WILL BE ANNOUNCED THIS SUMMER.

Info: brandlibrary.org/music-series

Film

THE REEL ART FILM SERIES

Offered periodically throughout the year, the Reel Art Film Series, spearheaded by Arlene Vidor, will switch focus to performing arts this season. Dance, rock music, and theater will be celebrated in film and conversation.

2026 FILMS

- **April 30 - Pina, a film by Wim Wenders**
- **June 11 - Don't Think I've Forgotten: Cambodia's Lost Rock 'n' Roll, a film by John Pirozzi**
- **July 9 - Joe Papp in Five Acts, a film by Tracie Holder and Karen Thorsen**

Info: brandlibrary.org/programs





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 (ALL ON TUESDAYS, 6:00-7:30 PM)

■ **June 16, August 4, October 13, and December 8**

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.

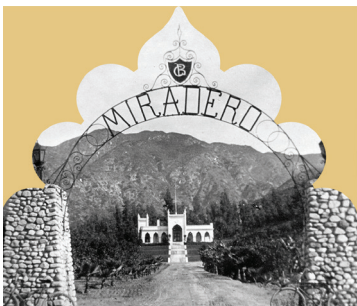
CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR INFO ON UPCOMING EVENTS IN BOTH OF THESE SERIES

Info: brandlibrary.org/programs



USC Kazan Taiko (from Spring 2025)

And more!



DOCENT TOURS Art Historian Valerie Taylor, PhD, 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 2026 TOURS - ALL BEGIN AT 9:30 AM AT BRAND

■ **June 27, October 3, October 10, and December 5**

Info brandlibrary.org/programs#docent-tours

ART TALKS AT BRAND 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. Artists are selected to reflect the diversity of the art scene of the greater Los Angeles area.

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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.

Summer Music Series concert



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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