This year Laguna Art Museum is celebrating the centenary of the Laguna Beach Art Association, the organization from which the museum sprang.

Even at the moment of its founding in 1918, the Laguna Beach Art Association aimed not only to mount exhibitions at which its members could show and sell their own work but also to serve as a cultural, educational, and social center. Though run by the artists, it was a community organization as well as a professional body. It launched other cherished Laguna Beach institutions, the Festival of Arts and Pageant of the Masters in the 1930s and the College of Art and Design in the 1960s. With its inclusive membership, its educational efforts, the establishment of the permanent collection, and the growing diversity of its exhibitions, it leaned toward becoming a museum long before becoming one in name in 1972. Since then, with gallery spaces much increased, the museum has established a reputation for ambitious and forward-looking exhibitions of California art.

In recognition of the centenary, the museum is proud to present the exhibition Art Colony: The Laguna Beach Art Association, 1918–1935. Organized by the museum’s curator of historical art, Janet Blake, and independent curator Deborah Solon, the exhibition and its accompanying book represent the fullest account of the subject to date, focusing on the history of the association as an institution, its integral relationship to the community of Laguna Beach, and the attention it attracted in the wider American art world of the early twentieth century. The exhibition is on view through January 13, 2019.

The museum’s centennial celebrations also feature:

- A full-length documentary film by Dale Schierhoff, Laguna Art Museum: 100 Years of Arts Legacy, screened already to sold-out audiences at the museum
- An exhibition about the museum and its history at John Wayne Airport, created in collaboration with the John Wayne Airport Arts Commission, on view through December
- A lavishly illustrated book chronicling the history of the museum in photographs and ephemera, authored by the museum’s executive director, Malcolm Warner
- Various artistic and social events culminating in the Centennial Ball, to be held at the Festival of Arts grounds in Laguna Beach on Saturday, September 29

Even beyond this special year, the museum will strive to honor the history and legacy of the Laguna Beach Art Association, playing a part in the life of the community that would make its founders proud. With a noble tradition to uphold, the loyal support of its patrons and members, and a vision of quality and sustainability into the future, it continues its mission as the premier showcase for California art.

For more information about Laguna Art Museum please call 949-494-8971 or visit www.LagunaArtMuseum.org

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As the academic year begins, we are launching First Glimpse: Introducing the Buck Collection in two of our art galleries, bringing selections from this world-class collection of California Art to the world for the first time. In the coming year, we will be presenting the Buck Collection in juxtaposition with the Irvine Museum Collection of California Impressionism – together for the first time as part of the new UCI Institute and Museum for California Art (IMCA).

A full season of Drama shows themed “Against All Odds” starts in November and continues throughout the year. Dance will present a series of shows choreographed by Dance faculty, graduate students, and undergraduates. The Music department presents works in every musical genre from orchestral to experimental. Our Art department will offer a series of exhibitions and performance art, including a special celebration honoring dancer/artist Simone Forti. Finally, in February we will launch our new Emergent Media + Design program with Your Ocean, My Ocean, an experimental intermedia project speaking to environmentalism, climate justice, and community engagement.

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There are many opportunities to deepen your experience at CTSA. We invite you to discover behind-the-scenes research and education through our exclusive Claire Trevor Society, to help us grow our community leadership through the Dean’s Arts Council, and to attend special public events such as our annual Open House. After you have seen or heard our work, and you feel inspired to explore a closer relationship with the School of the Arts, please don’t hesitate to contact me or our Development office.

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In a Golden State of Mind: The Hilbert Museum of California Art at Chapman University

The Hilbert Museum of California Art at Chapman University, which opened its doors to the public in 2016, has had a lot to celebrate over the past two years. In just a little over two years' time, more than 26,000 people have visited the museum, including many from out of town and even out of state. For many of them, it’s their first visit to the City of Orange and to Chapman University. For some, it’s their first-ever visit to Orange County.

The museum has been honored by both Yelp and TripAdvisor for its continuing top ratings on both visitor-rankings websites, and the Orange County chapter of Public Relations Society of America bestowed its PROTONS Award of Excellence on the museum for its first-year total PR program.

Visitors to the Hilbert Museum are drawn there by many factors, but perhaps chief among them are the magic words “California Art.” Tourists come to California to appreciate the beauty of the state, and the art collection at the Hilbert Museum captures that beauty in the dazzling paintings of acclaimed artists such as Emil Kosa Jr., Millard Sheets, Mary Blair, Phil DiKe, Milford Zornes, Dong Kingman, Ralph Hulett, Emigdio Vasquez, Alexandra Bradshaw, Eyvind Earle and many, many more. Art appreciation in the United States has always had an East Coast bias. New York City is looked upon as the art capital of America, and there are arguments to be made for that. But it’s also verifiable that Los Angeles and Southern California have been and continue to be hotbeds of the visual arts. Did you know, for example, that Los Angeles in the mid-20th century boasted more working artists per square mile than any other city in the history of the world? More than New York. More than classical Greece. More than Renaissance Florence or Belle Epoque Paris.

And what’s more, most of those artists who flocked to L.A. were men and women at the very top of their game, producing works that can still easily be hailed as masterpieces in any museum. Anywhere. And yet – because of the art establishment’s notion of California as a far-flung art outpost, many of these artists were largely overlooked until recent years.

The reason Los Angeles and Southern California lured so many artists – painters and graphic designers alike – was the movie industry. There were real paying jobs to be had – even in the midst of the Great Depression – at the movie studios: painting backdrops and special-effects pieces, designing sets and scenery, creating posters and other advertising. And, especially working in the studios of Walt Disney and his colleagues in the animation industry. In their spare time, when they were not inking animation or painting posters, these artists would pack up their paint and easels and hop in their cars, or take the train, and set up in the countryside, by the harbors, at ranches or on city streets to paint the everyday life around them. By doing so, they created a movement that has now become known as California Scene painting, a style that flourished from roughly the 1930s through the 1970s, although some notable exponents of the style carried it on through the 1980s and beyond.

The Hilbert Museum celebrates the California Scene movement – with its scenic and often gritty views of street scenes, cinemas, parks, marinas, mountains, beaches, parks, freeways, railways and houses. The museum also showcases the movie studio works of these versatile artists, with exhibitions of movie production art, animation cells and concept work from Disney and the other famous studios. Also on display from the Hilbert Collection are works of American Illustration; paintings and drawings created for magazine covers, books and other media.

“Whatever it all together is the art of storytelling through visually striking masterworks,” said Mark Hilbert, who with his wife Jan founded the Hilbert Museum and gifted it its core collection. “Every painting in the museum tells a story, and it’s been wonderful to see how our visitors respond so positively to this day after day. Storytelling fulfills some of primal yearning in humans to reach out to others and try to understand the world around us through the tales we tell.”

The paintings on exhibition in the Hilbert Museum of California Art have endless tales to tell. Before they close on October 13, see “Scenic View Ahead: The Westways Cover Art Collection,” presented in cooperation with the Automobile Club of Southern California; “Magical Visions: The Enchanted Worlds of Eyvind Earle,” featuring many rarely seen works by the acclaimed Disney Legend who designed “Sleeping Beauty,” and “Sunlight and Shadow: A Gift of California Art from the Collection of Jim and Lynee Doti.”

A new exhibition opening October 27, “Bay Area Scene Painting,” spotlights the beauty of San Francisco and the Bay Area through paintings by the region’s finest artists. On display through November 2 is “American Illustration: Children at Play” and “A New Hope: The Star Wars Art of Robert Bailey.”

And opening on November 10 is an exhibition of original cells and drawings from the 1966 animated cartoon version of “How the Grinch Stole Christmas,” the Chuck Jones-produced classic.

The Hilbert Museum of California Art at Chapman University is open Tuesday-Saturday, 11am to 5pm, and is located at 167 N. Atkinson Street in Old Towne Orange, directly across from the Orange train station. Admission is free. Parking is free in front of the museum with a permit obtained at the front desk. More information: 714-516-5880 or www.hilbertmuseum.org – or find us at HilbertMuseum on Facebook and Instagram.

Article by Mary Platt, Director, Hilbert Museum of California Art
California Scene Painting
Animation and Movie Production Art
American Illustration

Below: Original cel from Walt Disney’s “Pinocchio,” 1940

Above: Lee Blair, “Mary by the Sea,” 1934, oil on canvas
Left: Eyvind Earle, “Three Noble Horses,” 1990, oil on board

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Our 2018-19 season is a celebration of creative expression and curiosity. With programs including performances by Grammy-nominated musicians, natural mysteries explored through lecture and film, cutting-edge commissions in hip-hop dance and theater, exhibitions of an important California impressionist painting collection and of a game-changing street artist, and holistic educational events in wellness and for youth, there is truly inspiration for everyone.

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