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For Immediate Release

Long Beach Airport and Arts Council for Long Beach Launch National Call for Artists to Celebrate Airport's 100th Anniversary

Long Beach, CA – Long Beach Airport (LGB) and the Arts Council for Long Beach (ArtsLB) today announced a national Call for Artists to commission artwork for an art vinyl mural project measuring three stories on Parking Structure A, across from the Ticketing Lobby. The project is timed to coincide with the Airport's 100th anniversary this fall.

“This high-profile art project will make a lasting first impression for arriving and departing passengers at our award-winning airport,” said Mayor Rex Richardson. “This is a wonderful way to celebrate the robust aviation and arts legacy of Long Beach.”

ArtsLB is seeking submissions from skilled artists who are dedicated to supporting the arts community. Artists from all over the country can submit up to three complete artworks to be considered. The deadline for submissions is Aug. 31, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. Interested artists can learn more and apply at artslb.org.

“We are excited to partner with Long Beach Airport on this extraordinary 100-year celebration,” said Griselda Suárez, Executive Director of the Arts Council for Long Beach. “The mural will serve as a visual landmark, showcasing the airport's rich history and bright future in Long Beach. The mural will be prominently displayed to enhance Long Beach's cultural landscape and attract visitors to the city.”

The top artist whose artwork is selected will receive \$10,000, in addition to the opportunity to create the marquee project. Five finalists will also be selected, each of whom will receive \$1,500 and the opportunity to create digital-media artworks that will be printed and displayed for a limited time at the airport to further add to the vibrant creativity at the airport. The finalists' artworks will be displayed on rotation beginning in the fall of 2023, in time for Long Beach Airport's 100th anniversary celebration.

“Long Beach Airport is already known for its first-class atmosphere and facilities – the addition of such an impressive piece of art to our campus will only enhance the experience for our travelers,” said Long Beach Airport Director Cynthia Guidry. “We are proud to collaborate with the Arts Council for Long Beach to launch this national call for artists.”

Long Beach Airport offers nonstop service to 24 destinations across the nation, including Hawaii. Learn more at lgb.org/destinations.

About the City of Long Beach

Home to approximately 470,000 people, the multiple award-winning and innovative City of Long Beach offers all the world-class amenities of a large metropolitan city while maintaining a strong sense of individual and diverse neighborhoods nestled together along the California coast. As a full-service charter city, Long Beach is home to the Queen Mary, Aquarium of the Pacific, several museums and theaters, a highly-rated school district, Long Beach Airport, the Port of Long Beach, as well as many award-winning City departments such as Health and Human Services; Parks, Recreation and Marine; Development Services; Public Works and more. The City also has a highly respected university and city college, two historic ranchos, five hospitals, 12 libraries, five golf courses, 169 parks, miles of beaches, marinas, bike paths and a Bike Share program.

For more information about the City of Long Beach, visit longbeach.gov. Watch us on [LBTV](#). Follow us on social to keep up with the latest news: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#).

About Long Beach Airport

Founded in 1923, Long Beach Airport (LGB) is the oldest airport in California. Among its many awards, LGB was named one of the 2022 Top Ten airports in the country by readers of Condé Nast Traveler magazine. LGB offers non-stop service to several U.S. cities while supporting a healthy general aviation community with more than 300,000 annual operations. The Airport is also a source of substantial economic activity and employment, with the LGB Aviation Complex generating \$8.6 billion in economic impact and supporting 46,000 jobs. LGB is a self-supporting enterprise of the City of Long Beach and does not receive local tax dollars. The Airport prides itself in preserving its esteemed historic legacy and maintaining a safe, sustainable, and environmentally responsible operation. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter [@LGBAirport](#).

About Arts Council for Long Beach

The Arts Council for Long Beach is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization committed to fostering the growth and development of the arts in the community. The organization provides support and funding for various arts programs, including music, theater, visual arts, and dance. The Arts Council for Long Beach is dedicated to making the arts accessible to all members of the community and promoting the cultural diversity of Long

Beach.

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