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“Catch the Art Train at the Bergamot Station!”

The Senior Arts Foundation (SAF), a brand-new Santa Monica-based arts organization formed to connect senior citizens with the arts, is pleased to present its inaugural event: the first **Arts and Community Forum** at **1 p.m. Wednesday, October 10 at the Santa Monica Library Martin Luther King Auditorium**. The library is located at 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Santa Monica.

The first forum – ***“Catch the Art Train at the Bergamot Station!”***— will focus on Santa Monica’s Bergamot Station, Southern California’s largest gallery complex with contemporary art galleries, the Santa Monica Museum of Art and charming cafés, art stores and more.

The forum will include panelists William Turner of William Turner Gallery; Asuka Hisa of the Santa Monica Museum of Art; Jeff O’Connell, artist and SMC art professor; and Cheryl Walker, SMC Emeritus College art instructor. The moderator will be SMC art history professor Walter Meyer.

The Senior Arts Foundation is a non-profit community- based organization formed this year to connect seniors to the arts.

“The SAF recognizes the talents of the older adults and aims to expand their horizons into all aspects of the arts,” said SAF president Myung Deering. “Art is playing a big role in society, and we want to motivate seniors to be involved in the arts to enrich and enhance their lives.”

The forum is sponsored by the Santa Monica City Cultural Affairs Department, the Santa Monica City Public Library and the Santa Monica Senior Initiatives. It is also endorsed by the SMC Emeritus College, a special program for older adults.

The forum is free to the public and no reservations are required. Seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Parking is available in the structure beneath the Library and at meters on the surrounding streets.

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