



# City of Malibu News

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## City of Malibu Arts Commission Hosts the Opening Reception of Derek Schimming: An Artist Retrospective

(Malibu, CA) – August 26, 2024 - The City of Malibu Arts Commission invites all of Malibu to the free opening reception of the City's fall public art exhibition at the Malibu City Gallery, "Derek Schimming: An Artist Retrospective" on September 14.

The exhibition is a tribute to Derek Schimming, a beloved Malibu artist with a deep love for surfing and belief in its healing powers. Derek passed away unexpectedly in May 2024, and was known to express himself through his paintings. He conveyed his life events, emotions, and important locations, through paint and canvas. Working primarily with oils and acrylics, Derek's non-traditional methods and style produced unique and vivid works with layers of detail and depth.

Mayor Doug Stewart commented, "Derek Schimming's art was a reflection of his vibrant spirit and profound connection to Malibu. His works captured the unique essence of our community. As we gather to celebrate Derek's life and artistic legacy, we remember not only his incredible talent but also his dedication to enriching our town. His influence on Malibu's artistic landscape will continue to inspire us all."

Fifteen of Schimming's large abstract expressionist works will be on display along with various artworks from members of the Malibu Art Association, where Derek Schimming was an active board member.

"Derek Schimming: An Artist Retrospective" will be on display from September 16 through October 25, 2024.

The community is invited to join the free opening reception on Saturday, September 14, 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM at City Hall to celebrate Derek and his work. City Hall is located at 23825 Stuart Ranch Road. Enjoy complimentary refreshments and live music by the Martini Kings. RSVPs are not required.

Arts Commission Chair Fireball Tim Lawrence spoke about Derek's commitment to Malibu: "Derek Schimming was a shining example of the very essence of Malibu, not only with his art and love of people, but in his ever-present, helping gestures that served the community and its residents and children, and the betterment of the town we cherish. He will be greatly missed."

The Malibu City Gallery is on the lower level of Malibu City Hall (23825 Stuart Ranch Road) and is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Admission to the gallery is free. Tickets and RSVPs are not required.

For more information, visit [MalibuArtsCommission.org/MalibuFallExhibit](http://MalibuArtsCommission.org/MalibuFallExhibit).

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