



ARTS COUNCIL *for* MONTEREY COUNTY

READY TO SPRING AHEAD? The Arts are the Answer!

How thrilling to wake up to our morning paper yesterday and find that graduation rates for Monterey County high school students continue to rise. Even more thrilling is that California Superintendent of Instruction Tom Torlakson has recognized that bringing back classes in music, theater, art, dance (along with other forms of “hands-on, minds-on learning”) have been integral to increasing graduation rates across the state. “The increasing rates show that the positive changes in California schools are taking us in the right direction,” he added. Meanwhile, dropout rates are in decline!



Photo by Kira Godbe

Paulette Lynch, Executive Director

The arts are the answer for success for every student, greater family engagement and a positive school climate. The arts help each student develop key 21st century skills in communication, collaboration, critical thinking and creativity! Please read on to learn more about our annual arts education summit and other ways we can help each other to stay on track to ensure that every student in our region has access to high quality programs.

Click for full article: [monterey-county-high-school-graduation-rates-continue-to-rise](#) by Claudia Meléndez Salinas, Monterey Herald

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THIRD ANNUAL ARTS ED SUMMIT – A GREAT SUCCESS!! **“Equity, Access And Our Practice of Inclusivity”**



Jaqui Hope, Visual and Performing Arts Coordinator at Monterey Peninsula Unified School District

“I love these Summits. I look forward to the Summit all year. It’s a wonderful opportunity to meet colleagues and to explore ideas.....so very beneficial.” Erin Morita, Development Consultant.

The Arts Council convened its Third Annual Arts Education Summit at CSUMB @ Salinas City Center on Saturday, April 8. Co-chairs Board President Arlene Krebs and Vice President Programs Susan Breen were thrilled to welcome 75 educators, local arts & culture staff and board members, artists, teaching artists, archivists, deans and representatives from the SF Arts Commission and the Santa Cruz Arts Council. The program featured a keynote speech from Barbara Mumby sharing her process of inclusivity at the San Francisco Arts Commission, workshops led by Ann Todd Jealous and Caroline Haskell designed to increase awareness and break down personal and institutional barriers to inclusivity and Five Minutes of Fame presenters showcasing their success stories of inclusivity – including Jaqui Hope, Visual and Performing Arts Coordinator at Monterey Peninsula Unified School District -- where a robust arts education program is a specific and integral strategy to reach success for every student. The closing panel on grants and fundraising featured advice from Lynn Bentaleb , Executive Director of the Nancy Buck Ransom Foundation.

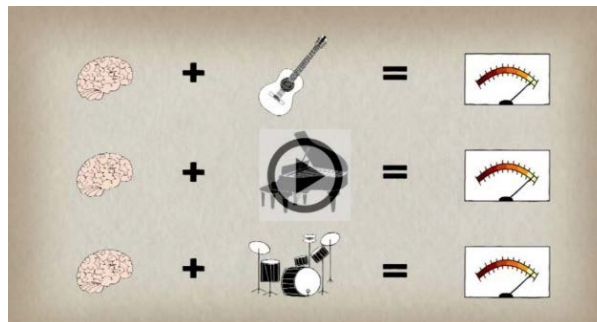
Also among the highlights: a surprise performance at lunch by the Sol Treasures show choir and a beautiful rendition of Somewhere Over the Rainbow led by Arts Council teaching artist Peter Meuse as the heartfelt closing song.

Special thanks to California State University, Monterey Bay for helping us make this summit affordable through their venue sponsorship. For more great photos and details, visit arts4mc.org/2017summit; To send ideas for next year's themes or speakers, send a note to info@arts4mc.org with SUMMIT IDEA as your subject line.

We Can Restore Music and The Arts For All Students

YOUR Voice Matters — Get Involved Today

Every action we take increases the chances that arts education will be prioritized and increased in your district in 2017-2018. You can help with just a few easy steps:



“How Playing an Instrument Benefits Your Brain” by Anita Collins – less than 5 minutes
(please watch, share and/or download: click on the video to play and then right click and “save video as... to your desktop”, or copy paste the url link and share on facebook)

Step 1: Watch and Share This Video!

Step 2: Adapt and Send [this Sample Letter](#) to as many [School Board Contacts](#) as you can!

Step 3: Alert friends, allies and everyone in your network to do the same!

“Music education fuels future innovation,”
~ Tom Atchison, Founder – Mavericks Civilian Space Foundation
Music for All Monterey County Ambassador



Save the NEA

The Trump Administration has now put out two proposals to cut the National Endowment for the Arts. For the current fiscal year, the Trump Administration would like Congress to immediately cut \$15 million from the NEA and NEH apiece. For next year, FY2018, the Administration would like to [fully terminate](#) the two cultural agencies.

To stay informed and access more information visit the [CA NEA Resource Center](#)

Find your representatives:
[House](#) and [Senate](#) delegations

Learn More About Arts Advocacy

[Americans for the Arts Action Fund](#)

"Paint The Village" - 4th Annual Paint Out June 3-4, 2017



The Quail and Olive with the Arts Council for Monterey County are pleased to announce the [Fourth Annual "Paint the Village" Plein Air Invitational and Art Sale](#). Renowned California Plein Air Artist Murray Wagnon, Paint Out Chair of the Monterey Bay Plein Air Painters Association and Vice President and Signature Artist Sibyl Johnson will judge entries and award prizes in first, second and third place.

Proceeds from the entry fees, art sales and sponsorships will benefit the Professional Artists in the Schools program (PAS) of The Arts Council for Monterey County. The program brings actors, musicians, painters, and dancers to work with more than 6,000 students into the areas of greatest need within Monterey County each year.

Click on the [entry form](#) for more details and to download. (The pdf form has fillable fields).
Deadline: May 26, 2017, 2pm. Send email to: klara@arts4mc.org for more information.

Announcement from Northern California Grantmakers



[Northern California Grantmakers](#) is pleased to announce the release of new loan opportunities for Bay Area arts nonprofits. [The Arts Loan Fund \(ALF\)](#) is a collaborative program run by members of Northern California Grantmakers. It provides quick-turnaround, low-cost financial assistance to arts organizations located in Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Monterey, San Mateo, San Francisco, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz and Sonoma counties, and individual artists located in the cities of Oakland and San Francisco.



"Monterey Pop": Step back in time to the "Summer of Love"

The D.A. Pennebaker film from 1967 to screen at Monterey's Golden State Theatre on May 12, 2017

For more information visit filmmonterey.org

Arts Council Professional Artists in the Schools bringing more vitality to Salinas schools



PAS Teaching Artist Juan-Carlos Gonzalez with his students

First and second grade classrooms throughout the Salinas City Elementary School District are buzzing with arts activity! Students are exploring a range of visual art mediums and hands-on projects, from watercolor paintings, print-making and collages to handmade musical instruments of bamboo...and more. This exciting program is a district-wide initiative, placing teachers from the Arts Council's Professional Artists in the Schools program in ninety-eight Salinas classrooms over an eight-week period. For more info about bringing creative arts programming to your school, afterschool program or community organization, please contact Ellen Berrahmoun, Arts Education Director at ellen@arts4mc.org, or call 831-622-9060 ext. 102.

Please donate today to help support art programs for everyone in Monterey County.

Donate



The Arts Council for Monterey County's mission is to improve the quality of life for everyone in

our region through the arts. For over 35 years we have served our community and through research and experience, we find over and over that "The Arts Are the Answer" to overcoming our communities' greatest challenges and achieving our region's greatest potential.

Thanks to our supporters and partners, we help bring high quality arts programs to more and more residents - including those who have historically had little access. Over the years, we have strengthened the capacity of all arts organizations and cultural groups to more effectively serve our families and we have influenced a broad range of leaders to incorporate the arts in their plans.

