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ARTS COUNCIL FOR MONTEREY COUNTY ANNOUNCES 2020 CHAMPIONS OF THE ARTS!

[Seaside, CA. October 16, 2019] The Arts Council is pleased to announce our 15th Annual “Champions of the Arts” Gala to be held at the newly remodeled Portola Hotel & Spa on Saturday, February 1, 2020.

This year we will be honoring Greg Hawthorne, Artist and Founder of Hawthorne Gallery, with the Lifetime Achievement Award. Other awardees include Rancho Cielo, Nonprofit supporting arts programs; Sherree Anderson, Professional Artist; Janene Norum, Volunteer Leader in the Arts; Jaqui Hope, MPUSD Visual Arts and Performing Arts Coordinator with the Educator award and John Nash of Monterey Community Gospel Choir with the Luminary award.

This year’s gala opens at 5:00pm with a cocktail reception, followed by a gourmet dinner, amazing live auction opportunities and awards presentations. There will be a surprise performance and music and dancing provided by the Latin Jazz Collective. We are excited to have Paul Richmond as our Featured Artist for the Gala.

All event proceeds support the Arts Council for Monterey County programs and expand our award-winning arts education programs including Professional Artists in the Schools and Arts as Healing Prevention, which are now serving more than 25,000 youth, veterans and seniors each year through special residencies in-school, after-school and in community centers throughout the county.

“We expect more than 400 guests at this elegant and entertaining event. Our team is ready for a spectacular gala and we have several surprises in store,” notes Event Chair Nicollette Eason Trottier, a Pacific Grove native, local realtor and Arts Council Board Member.

For more event details and to purchase tickets, please visit arts4mc.org/champions. Early bird tickets go on sale 10/16 for \$150 each until December 31, 2019. Tables for ten can be reserved for \$1500.

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The mission of the Arts Council for Monterey County (ACMC) is to improve the quality of life for everyone in our region through the arts. For more information, please email info@arts4mc.org



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