March 20th, 2020

Dear Friends,
We hope everyone is hunkered down and staying safe and healthy. While our office is temporarily closed, staff is still available via email or phone. Our artists studio, the ArtWorks @Pacific Grove is closed until further notice. We have provided links to resources for artists on our website and social media, and will continue to add as more becomes available.

We know this is an unusual and stressful time for all of us, but it is especially difficult on the arts community. Events are canceled or postponed, galleries, museums and theaters are shuttered and schools are closed, leaving our teaching artists out of work. The economic impact on the creative sector is already devastating, and we need your financial support now more than ever - please donate today at arts4mc.org/donate - to keep the arts alive in Monterey County!

Thank you,
Arts4MC Staff and Board of Directors

We have noticed Monterey County artists, performers and arts groups sharing their work online. We are in the process of putting together a list that is easy to promote. arts4mc.org/activities

Matthew Mendez, senior at Pacific Grove High School, is recognized among the top scoring students in the state-wide Poetry
Out Loud competition.

A personal message to Matthew from California Arts Council: "The virtual competition was considerable (all 53 county winners entered) and our judges were so impressed. I hope you feel very proud of yourself and what you have accomplished, first to win your county finals and then to place among the top in the state. Job amazingly well done!"

Watch one of Matthew's virtual poetry submissions here: Click here for the video

Official press release here: Click here for Press Release

Congratulations to Matthew!

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GRANTS NOW OPEN

Community Arts Grants are available to small and emerging organizations with budgets up to $250,000, who are seeking support for public arts and culture projects/programs, with grants up to $5,000 per year. No deadline – grants are reviewed on a monthly basis. Organizations may only receive one Community Arts Grant per year and must have completed their previous grant's final report before submitting a new application. Thank you to the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, the David & Lucile Packard Foundation, and the Community Foundation for Monterey County for providing this funding to make Monterey County the most vibrant place to live, work and visit. arts4mc.org/grants

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Gracias a la Fundación William y Flora Hewlett, a la Fundación David y Lucile Packard y la Fundación Comunitaria del Condado de Monterey por proporcionar estos fondos para hacer del Condado de Monterey el lugar más vibrante para vivir, trabajar y visitar. arts4mc.org/grants
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"The 2019 LEAP Grant I received allowed me to create an exhibition of my most recent project, Thresholds. As artists, one of the greatest challenges we face is finding outlets for our work and then covering the costs associated with exhibiting it. I was able to purchase paper for printing and frames for my exhibition with the funds provided by this wonderful grant and I will be forever grateful for the support I have received from the Arts Council for Monterey County!.."

WWW.ARTS4MC.ORG/GRANTS/LEAP

APPLY NOW
College Art Scholarships Available for Monterey County High School Seniors, Graduating Class 2020

The Arts Council for Monterey County will award five $2,500 scholarships to youth to achieve their higher educational goals & contribute to the county’s creative vitality & rich artistic heritage. Career opportunities in creative fields are growing & varied, from design (graphic design, architecture) to digital arts (filmmaking, game design, photography), literature to performing arts to visual arts (including crafts such as ceramics). A college program gives artists vital access to training & professional mentors, as well as knowledge & skills in business, marketing and production.

Questions? Contact Klara Hickmanova at klara@arts4mc.org or call 831-622-9060 ext. 103

APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 15, 2020
Visit: arts4mc.org/scholarships

Apply Now
Thanks to the County of Monterey, the Arts Council for Monterey County announces the opening of the Spring cycle for our Arts & Cultural Impact Grants for support of public art or cultural programs.

**DEADLINE: MAY 10, 2020**

Apply Now
In Asia and Europe, public gatherings including performances, museums and festivals have been cancelled and shuttered to help limit the spread of the Coronavirus.

Coronavirus Outbreak Shuttered Italian Museums; Event Cancellations Continue in China and South Korea - Hyperallergic.

While the spread and impact of the virus here in the U.S. is not yet known, you should have a plan in the event that, in the interest of public health, your organization needs to delay or cancel events or temporary close.