



• *Enriching the lives of our community through the arts* •

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ARTS & CULTURAL IMPACT GRANTS AWARDED TO MONTEREY COUNTY ARTS ORGANIZATIONS

(Seaside, CA - December 22, 2020) The Arts Council for Monterey County (Arts4MC) is proud to announce that they have awarded approximately \$80,000 in Arts & Cultural Impact Grants to 17 local arts organizations and nonprofits with art programs, thanks to the support of the County of Monterey's Board of Supervisors.

Arts and Cultural Impact Grants are available to nonprofit organizations seeking support for public arts and culture projects/programs, through two funding cycles - one in the Spring, and one in the Fall.

The grantees include Alisal Center for the Fine Arts, Aria Women's Choir, Carl Cherry Center for the Arts, Carmel Art Association, Carmel Valley Art Association, Chamber Music Monterey Bay, Educational Resources of Monterey County, El Sistema USA/ Salinas, Inc. (YOSAL), Ensemble Monterey Chamber Orchestra, Monterey County Pops!, Monterey Peninsula Gospel Community Choir, Monterey Symphony, Museum Foundation of Pacific Grove, Inc., National Steinbeck Center, Palenke Arts, SpectorDance and Wonder Wood Ranch.

"We know that 2020 has been a difficult year, especially for the arts sector, so we are very happy that we can support these organizations to continue providing art programs for our community" states Jacquie Atchison, Arts4MC Executive Director.

These grantees play a vital role in helping us fulfill our mission to improve the quality of life for everyone in our region through the arts. The arts play a crucial role in healing, connection and social engagement. Witness the thousands of people who nightly go to their balconies or windows to play music or "social-distance" dance with their neighbors. In times of crisis, humans turn to art to help us survive the isolation and loss.

Please visit arts4mc.org/grants for more information or available grants.

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