



Dear *{{Informal Name}}*,

Challenges! We've all had them, but none of us could have ever imagined the challenges of a global pandemic that has lasted for more than 18 months, with the end still not in sight. I especially feel empathy for our students, who went home from school on March 13, 2020 and didn't return for more than a year. Isolation and lack of social interaction led to increased anxiety and depression for these students.

For many years we've been talking about the power of the creative process of art as a healing force, and there has never been such a critical need for arts as healing as we are now seeing. I'm so proud of our teaching artists who are returning to the schools to provide Arts as Healing programs, where the arts are having a profound impact on the social emotional health of our students. Participation in the arts increases student engagement, collaboration, critical thinking and a positive school culture and climate.

To learn more about this program, please visit our [website](#).

Happy Friday, and have a great weekend!



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"The arts are a place where I can escape and just be me, and people won't judge me."

- Marina Middle School Student



Did you know the arts can positively affect the culture of an entire school?

Arts education enhances student motivation, attitude, attendance, and so much more. The arts are not just important, they are ESSENTIAL.

Show your support by [donating now](#) to help our local students:

- Stay in School
- Succeed in School
- Succeed in Life
- Succeed in Work

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Are you interested in becoming a teaching artist to supplement your work in the industry? Already working as a teaching artist, but would like to explore new virtual and in-classroom job opportunities? Salary range from \$35-\$50/per hour.

We are seeking Visual Arts, Dance and Music teaching artists for the 2021-22 school year. Please submit a cover letter, resume, lesson plan sample and examples of student projects to Karyn Lee-Garcia, Programs Director, to karyn@arts4mc.org with subject line "Teaching Artist". The position is open until filled.



#Arts4MC is proud to be a sponsor of this year's Monterey Jazz Festival! Visit the Arts4MC booth #202 to participate in our Community Art Project on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 24 - 26th at the Monterey Fairgrounds. We hope to see you there!



**Join us in celebration of National Arts In Education
Week from September 12-18, 2021!**

During this week, the field of arts education & its supporters join together in communities across the country to tell the story of the transformative power of the

arts in education. Learn more about celebrating the arts [here](#).

Welcome to the Team!



We are excited to introduce Diane Joy Singer, our new Operations Manager. Diane is responsible for all accounting, human resources and office management of the Arts Council. She is a long time Monterey Peninsula resident and an artist working in Photography and Ceramics. Diane loves to travel and hike, and considers herself a bit of a foodie. On her days off, she can be found in her garden tending to her Hydrangeas.

Arts4MC Programs

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[Professional Artists in the School Program](#)

Events/ Happenings

[Monterey Symphony - Music To YOUR Ears!](#)

September 24th-26th: [Monterey Jazz Festival](#)

October 1st: [City of Soledad's Call for Artists for Orchard Lane Park](#)

October 6th: [Call to Artists: Embracing Our Differences International Art Exhibit](#)

December 31st: [Monterey Jazz Festival's Evolution of a Groove - 12 Episode Package](#)

Grants & Scholarships

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For more information or to change lives through the arts, it's as easy as contacting Bella Hockersmith, Development Director at 831-622-9060 x108 or bella@arts4mc.org.



Thank you to the County of Monterey and the Board of Supervisors for the ongoing support of the Arts Council for Monterey County's efforts to strengthen and broaden the County's economic base.

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