Dear Friends of the Arts,

March is Arts Education Month! Did you know that since 1995, the teaching of the Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) has been mandatory in California for grades one to 12? Since 1988, the Arts Council has been providing our "Professional Artists in the Schools" arts education program and we are currently providing art classes to more than 25,000 students in the County. Daily art can reduce stress and anxiety, and must be part of every student’s school day. 80% of students report worsening mental health during the pandemic. If your school needs support in providing art classes, please reach out to us so we can help.

I am also pleased to announce our 2022 Champions of the Arts™ (see below) who we will be honoring at our Gala on June 18th at the Monterey Marriott. Tickets are available now so reserve your seat today, and we hope to see you there!

Warmly,

Jacquie Atchison
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### 2022 CHAMPIONS OF THE ARTS™ Awardees

The Arts Council for Monterey County (Arts4MC) is pleased to announce our 17th Annual Champions of the Arts™ Fundraising Gala to be held at the Monterey Marriott on Saturday, June 18, 2022 at 5:00 pm.

This year, Arts4MC will be honoring Steven Whyte, internationally acclaimed sculptor in Carmel; Juan Sanchez, founder of Palenke Arts in Seaside; Jan Harkness, Artistic Director of Monterey County Dance Theatre in King City; Kati D’Amore, visual artist in North Monterey County and Javier Tamayo, Executive Director of Alisal Center for Fine Arts in Salinas.

Tickets are now on sale at [arts4mc.org/champions](http://arts4mc.org/champions). You won't want to miss this!
Are you interested in becoming a teaching artist to supplement your work in the industry? We have immediate openings for part-time visual and performing arts teachers for after-school programming in Salinas middle schools. Salary range is from $35-$50/per hour.

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.

The Arts Council for Monterey County is happy to announce our partnership with CREATE CA! The Arts Now Communities program is a statewide network of advocate coalitions working to increase public funding for arts education regardless of zip code, race, gender, ethnicity, or socioeconomic status! In our 2nd year, we are focused on eliminating inequities in access to and participation in art education and prioritizing the development of a county-wide leadership team of arts education.
advocates. Interested in joining our Arts Now Communities coalition, contact our Programs Director, Karyn Lee-Garcia, at karyn@arts4mc.org.

College Arts Scholarships Available

The Arts Council for Monterey County will award $2,500 scholarships to graduating high school seniors pursuing a higher learning degree in an arts field.

ELIGIBILITY:
Resident of Monterey County
High School Senior, graduating class of 2022
Transcript showing a 2.0 GPA or above

DEADLINE:
April 3, 2022 at 11:59 pm

Local Emerging Artists Program

Local Emerging Artists Program (LEAP) provides a financial stipend up to $2,500 to selected artists in the early stages of their career who demonstrate that this support will make a big impact on their work and on our community.

DEADLINE:
April 17, 2022 at 11:59 pm

Arts & Cultural Impact Grants Open

Arts and Cultural Impact Grants are available to nonprofit organizations seeking support for public arts and culture projects/programs up to $5,000 per year. We have two cycles for this grant program - Spring and Fall. Organizations may only receive one grant per year and must have completed their previous grant’s final report before submitting a new application.

DEADLINE:
May 10, 2022 at 11:59 pm

Arts4MC Programs

Art4Business Program
Buy Local Art through Art4Sale
Professional Artists in the School Program

Events/Happenings

The Weston Collective: Call to Action for "Facing Seaside" Project
March 4th: Salinas Public Library’s First Friday Art Talk
March 10th: Call to Artists: Monterey Ocean Arts Festival (MOAF)
March 5th-26th: Thinking Out Loud Regional Art Competition
March 19th: Sol Treasures: Learn How To Paint with Artist Brenda Scettrini-Sajello
April 3rd: Daniel B. Summerhill - Poet Laureate for Monterey County
May 7th: Robert Campbell Monterey County High School Poetry Awards

Grants & Scholarships

Deadline: March 9th: CA Arts Council Grants
Deadline: June 30th: Monterey County Small Business Revolving Loan Fund

Free Video Tutorial Grant Writing for Succ€$s

BECOME A GEM
Give • Every • Month

Our monthly donors ensure we can continue our work to help the arts thrive in Monterey County!

Join a community of people who believe art has the power to change lives for the better.

WWW.ARTS4MC.ORG/GIVE-EVERY-MONTH

THE LEGACY CIRCLE

Support the arts in Monterey County for future generations!

If the arts have made a difference in your life, you might be the perfect candidate for a legacy gift.

WWW.ARTS4MC.ORG/PLANNED-GIVING

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.