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Arts Council for Monterey County Announces 2022 Champions of the Arts™

[Seaside, CA. February 22, 2022] 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, founder of Monterey County Dance Theatre in King City; Kati D'Amore, visual artist in North Monterey County and member of the Monterey Bay Plein Air Painters Association and Javier Tamayo, Executive Director of Alisal Center for Fine Arts in Salinas.

The gala opens at 5:00 pm with a welcome reception, followed by a gourmet dinner, live auction, awards presentations, and performances by local talent and entertainment.

The Champions of the Arts™ Gala is Monterey County's most elegant event, and sells out with more than 350 guests including local artists, educators, business leaders and politicians. This year, Arts4MC will be celebrating their 40th Anniversary of providing award-wining programs that build capacity for emerging artists and nonprofits, empower our youth and provide arts as healing where needed most.

All event proceeds support the Arts Council for Monterey County's arts education programs, which are now serving more than 30,000 historically-excluded students, at-risk youth, people with disabilities, senior citizens and veterans.

"We are so pleased to be able to celebrate in person this year, as we honor these five (5) amazing individuals who have made a profound impact in the arts, and we recognize our 40 years of promoting the arts in Monterey County," notes Jacquie Atchison, Arts4MC Executive Director

For more event details and to purchase tickets, please visit arts4mc.org/champions. Early bird tickets go on sale 2/22 for \$195 each until April 29, 2022. Tables for ten can be reserved for \$1950. You won't want to miss this! Limited seating is available so make your reservations today.

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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