



# ARTS COUNCIL for Monterey County

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## TWENTY-TWO GRANTS AWARDED TO LOCAL ARTISTS IN MONTEREY COUNTY

**[Monterey, CA - May 16, 2023]** The Arts Council for Monterey County (Arts4MC) is proud to announce that we have awarded \$95,000 in Individual Artists Grants to twenty-two (22) local emerging and established artists.

The Individual Artists Grant program was created to recognize artistic excellence, provide direct support to artists who demonstrate they are ready to take their work to a new level, and cultivate public appreciation of the role of artists in our community. Maximum award size was up to \$5,000 based on the scoring of the application, artistic quality and community impact.

Recipients of the 2023 Individual Artists Grant include Visual Artists Juan Carlos Gonzalez (D1), Joe Angel-Toledo (D1), Katie Raquel (D1), Andrew Jackson (D2), Salvador Sergio Lua (D2), Darlene Von Maschmeyer (D2), Lee Abellana (D2), Katie Herzog (D3), Katrina Pura (D3), Hanif Panni (D4), Jess Marie Soriano (D4), Victoria Donahue (D4), Lori Bala (D4), Edward Corpus (D4), Jessica Bover (D5), Noelle Correia (D5), Mai Ryuno (D5) and Performing Artists Omar Rodriguez (D2), Michelle Djokic (D4), Alejandro Gomez (D4), Antoine Cameron (D4) and Digital Artist Mark Baer (D5).

Talented artists of all disciplines are discovering fresh possibilities to advance their careers all around Monterey County - their first solo show, a chance to compete in a national competition, an invitation to develop an original dance or stage their first play. These grantees play an important role in assisting us in carrying out our aim of improving the quality of life for everyone in our region through the arts.

“I am so thankful to our Board of Directors’ for providing these funds to our local artists so they can expand their art business. Independent Artists have been left out of most recovery funding so having Arts4MC step up to support them during this crucial time is very fulfilling,” states Jacquie Atchison, Arts4MC Executive Director.

Visit [arts4mc.org/grants](https://arts4mc.org/grants) to stay informed about upcoming grant opportunities.

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*The mission of the Arts Council for Monterey County (Arts4MC) is to improve the quality of life for everyone in our region through the arts. For more information, please email [info@arts4mc.org](mailto:info@arts4mc.org).*