The Champions of the Arts™ Award recognizes those who go above and beyond to support and promote the arts in our community. Every year, we gather to celebrate these individuals or nonprofit arts organizations who have made a profound impact on the arts in Monterey County.

Do you know a Champion? If so, please nominate them today!
The Target Circle Community Giving Program will benefit the Arts Council for Monterey County until June 30, 2023. Target Circle customers can use their Votes earned from Target purchases to vote for Arts4MC during the live campaign!

Here are some instructions on how to vote:

1. Open the Target App
2. Click on the "My Target" button in the bottom right corner of the screen
3. Click on "Votes Available"
4. Click on your "Number of Votes Available" next to Vote for Nonprofits
5. Add votes for the Arts Council for Monterey County & press "Cast ___ Votes"

Thank you in advance for supporting #Arts4MC. Your votes determine the amount of the $15,000 total award available for the five nonprofits.

See this video tutorial for step-by-step instructions: bit.ly/targetforarts

The Arts Council has started a visual storytelling campaign to focus on the Pajaro floods, the systemic racism and environmental injustice of the situation. Please watch and help support our Pajaro neighbors.
Seeking a Professional Teaching Artist? Our visual and performing art teachers are available for K-12 summer instruction at your school or organization. Contact us to hire a teaching artist this summer! Email Karyn Lee-Garcia, Programs Director, at karyn@arts4mc.org with the subject line “Summer School Programs”. NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE.
Are you interested in becoming a teaching artist to empower and support Monterey County youth?

In-classroom and virtual opportunities for the 2023 school year. Please submit a cover letter, resume, lesson plan sample and examples of student projects or personal portfolio to Karyn Lee-Garcia, Programs Director, to karyn@arts4mc.org with subject line “Teaching Artist”. NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE.
Events/Happenings

May 19th - 21st: 30th Anniversary Carmel Art Festival
May 21st: SpectorDance Ocean Arts Festival
May 23rd: Jorge Torres Mural and Exhibition at Weston Collective
May 25th at 5:30pm: Collective Healing through Art at Oldemeyer Center
May 25th at 2pm: George Floyd, Re-imagining Policing, Inclusion, and Diversity Symposium at Oldemeyer Center
May 29th at 1pm: Monterey County Pops Annual Memorial Day Concert

May 23rd:
May 25th:
May 29th:
June 8th - 24th:
July 15th - 29th:
September 22nd - 24th:

Call to Artists/Auditions

June 16th: "We Are Southern Monterey County" Photo and Art Competition
July 15th: Register for 2023 Artists Studio Tour

Grants & Scholarships

May 14th: Public Art Event Grant by City of Salinas
Ongoing: Free Video Tutorial Grant Writing for Succe$$

Art Directory

Did you know... The Arts Council for Monterey County has an arts directory that allows you to quickly find all types of arts classes throughout Monterey County?

- Ariel Theatrical
- Sol Treasures

Click here to add your own organization, or update your existing directory listing, to help others find you.

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.

Support the arts in Monterey County!

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