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ARTS & CULTURAL IMPACT GRANTS AWARDED TO MONTEREY COUNTY ARTS ORGANIZATIONS

[Monterey, CA - June 13, 2023] The Arts Council for Monterey County (Arts4MC) is pleased to announce that they have awarded over \$118,000 in Arts & Cultural Impact Grants to 25 local arts organizations and nonprofits with art programs, thanks to funding from the County of Monterey and the Board of Supervisors.

Arts and Cultural Impact Grants are available to nonprofit organizations seeking support for public arts and culture projects/programs, through two funding cycles: one in the Spring and one in the Fall.

Congratulations to our 2023 Spring Arts & Cultural Impact grant recipients: Alisal Center for the Fine Arts, Salinas Valley Pride Celebrations and Salinas Valley Food & Wine Festival from Supervisorial District 1; Noche Bohemia De Salinas and Wonder Wood Ranch (from Supervisorial District 2); El Sistema USA/ YOSAL, Hijos del Sol Arts Productions, and King City in Bloom (from Supervisorial District 3); Salinas Juneteenth Celebration, Community Partnership for Youth (CPY), Foundation for Monterey County Free Libraries, Loaves, Fishes and Computers, New Canon Theatre Co., Musikiwest Inc., Kweens Kounsel, and The Parenting Connection of Monterey County (from Supervisorial District 4); and Carmel Heritage Society, Monterey Symphony, Sunset Cultural Center, Monterey Jazz Festival, Monterey Bay Power Over Parkinson's, SpectorDance, Monterey Peninsula Gospel Community Choir, I Cantori di Carmel, and Monterey County Theatre Alliance (from Supervisorial District 5).

"This spring we received an unusually high number of applications, which means more art programs and events are recovering since the pandemic, but unfortunately our resources are not enough to fund all the amazing arts and cultural groups in our county. The arts need more support in our community," states Jacquie Atchison, Arts4MC Executive Director.

These grantees play an important role in fulfilling our mission to improve the quality of life for all people in our region through the arts. The arts are critical for healing, connection and social engagement. In times of crisis, people turn to the arts to help them survive isolation and loss.

Please visit www.arts4mc.org to support the arts in Monterey County.

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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.