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Arts Council for Monterey County Announces 2023 Champions of the Arts™

[Monterey CA. July 27, 2023] The Arts Council for Monterey County (Arts4MC) is pleased to announce our 18th Annual “Champions of the Arts™” to be celebrated at an Awards Breakfast at the Monterey Marriott on Friday, August 11 at 8:00am. Taylor Farms is the Presenting Sponsor.

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 a nonprofit arts organization who have made a profound impact on the arts in Monterey County.

This year, Arts4MC will be honoring musician Eliodoro “Lolo” Vallecillo, arts journalist Ernesto Altamirano, Owner of Paperwing Theater Koly McBride, MPUSD Superintendent PK Diffenbaugh and visual artist and mentor Germain Hatcher.

The event’s mission is not only to honor these local “champions” but to also increase awareness of Arts4MC programs while raising funds to support our arts education and arts4healing programs - serving more than 30,000 historically excluded students, at-risk youth, people with disabilities, survivors of human trafficking, the homeless, senior citizens and veterans each year.

Speed painter Amy Burkman will be performing along with violinist Razz Palumbi.

“Every year, we receive many nominations and it’s a very difficult decision for our panelists, who are all past Champions. But they clearly did an excellent job with selecting these five (5) amazing individuals and we are excited to honor them this year,” notes Jacquie Atchison, Arts4MC Executive Director

For more event details and to purchase tickets, please visit arts4mc.org/champions
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

2023 Champions of the Arts™ Awardees



Eliodoro Vallecillo (Lolo), *District 1*



Ernesto Altamirano, *District 2*



Koly McBride, *District 3*



PK Diffenbaugh, *District 4*



Germain Hatcher, *District 5*

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Special art performance by the gifted Amy Burkman!

