



Dear Friends of the Arts,

The holiday season is always a beautiful time of year with seasonal decorations, twinkling lights, and good spirits filling the air. It's inspiring to witness all the creativity, music, dancing, plays, and fantastic exhibits on display.

As I reflect on the holiday cheer, I'm reminded of all the great work our team has done to support and promote the arts in our community. Recently, we participated in the Salinas Union High School District's Annual Parent Conference, where we conducted art activities for the students. We're also excited to be a part of First Night Monterey on the 31st of December, where we'll be helping to ring in the New Year with lots of creativity and art.

Although the year is coming to a close, the Arts4MC team continues to work diligently by visiting our teaching artists, meeting with nonprofit partners, and participating in community events. I want to take a moment to express my gratitude to our team for their dedication and passion. Their hard work is a gift that keeps on giving.

Lastly, I want to thank YOU for your continued support of our mission to bring the arts to everyone in our community. If you haven't already done so, please consider donating to our MC Gives! campaign. The campaign is open through the end of the month, and all donations will receive a match to help make an even greater impact.

Wishing you happy holidays!

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'Tis the Season for Giving: Help Us Illuminate Lives with Art!



Your unwavering support has brought us to an incredible milestone in our MC Gives! Arts4Healing Campaign - we've raised an inspiring \$16,215! We're immensely grateful for each contribution and the impact it's going to make in our community.

The recent Arts4Healing event at La Cantina was a testament to your impact and the power of art bringing people together. Your enthusiasm is propelling us toward success, and we can't thank you enough.

However, we're not done yet, and we need your urgent help. With our goal of \$50,000 by 12/31, every dollar counts. Your continued support is crucial in ensuring the sustained success of our Arts4Healing program.

As we push towards the finish line, your generosity is what keeps this artistic vision alive. Visit [bit.ly/Arts4Healing](https://bit.ly/Arts4Healing) or send your donation by mail to the [Community Foundation of Monterey County](#) at the address below to make a difference today.

Your contributions have already made a tremendous impact, and we're counting on you to help us achieve even more.

With deep gratitude and the spirit of the season,

**Janelle Nuñez**  
Development Director  
Arts Council for Monterey County

\*\*address for Community Foundation for Monterey Foundation: 2354 Garden Rd, Monterey, CA 93940. All checks should have Arts Council for Monterey County written on the memo line.\*\*

Donate Now

## Welcome to the Team, Nahomy!



Please join us in welcoming Nahomy Pinedo as the newest member of the Arts4MC team and our new Marketing Coordinator!

Nahomy is passionate about creating a meaningful impact in the community. "I'm thrilled to bring my creativity, strategic mindset, and dedication to the vibrancy of arts and culture. With more than four years of experience, I am excited about utilizing my skills to showcase the transformative influence of art in Monterey County."

## Program Highlight - Visual Artist & Muralist Jesús Núñez joins the ArtWorks @Salinas Studio



Following the success of assisting on the CalTrans Clean California Mural Underpass project, Jesús sought to expand his community reach and a quieter space to create by moving his home practice to our professional co-op studios on Main Street, Salinas. He will be at the studio/gallery from 5 to 8pm on the next First Friday, January 5, 2024. Follow Jesús on Instagram @zenunart. Please welcome Jesús to ArtWorks @Salinas!

ArtWorks @Salinas is open Thursday-Sunday, 10am-2pm. To learn more about our affordable artist studios, showcasing your work in a future exhibition, or selling your handcrafted wares, email [info@arts4mc.org](mailto:info@arts4mc.org).

## 2023's California State Arts Grant Award Recipients

# WE GOT THE GRANT!

Congratulations to the outstanding individuals in Monterey County for receiving the 2023's California State Arts Grant Award! Join us in celebrating the remarkable achievements of the recipients who have made significant contributions to their community.

Alisal Center for the Fine Arts Inc  
Arts Council for Monterey County  
Hijos Del Sol Arts Production  
Monterey County Pops Inc

Monterey Museum of Arts  
Palenke Arts  
Sol Treasures  
Urban Arts Collaborative (UAC)

[Read More](#)

## ArtWorks @Salinas Studios Available



**AFFORDABLE ARTIST STUDIOS AVAILABLE**  
262 MAIN ST., SALINAS



Open studios  
(not enclosed/private)

Rent based on a  
sliding scale

Includes utilities, Wi-Fi,  
& marketing assistance

**APPLY  
TODAY!**



Are you a working artist in the Salinas area looking for a working space? Check out the artist studios currently available at Artworks @Salinas located at 262 Main Street in Downtown Salinas!

[Apply for an Artist Studio](#)

ArtWorks @Salinas will have a rotating art gallery and six small studio spaces for artists to sublease at an affordable rate. Rent includes all utilities, Wi-Fi and marketing.

## Community Arts Grants



# COMMUNITY ARTS GRANTS

**DEADLINE: SUBMIT ANYTIME; REVIEWED MONTHLY.  
UNTIL FUNDS EXPENDED OR JUNE 30, 2024, 11:59 PM**



Community Arts Grants are available to small nonprofit arts organizations seeking support for public arts and culture projects/programs up to \$5,000 per year.

[Apply Now](#)

## Opportunities for Teaching Artists

WE ARE HIRING!



# TEACHING ARTISTS

MUSIC  
DANCE  
THEATER  
VISUAL ARTS



LEARN MORE AT [ARTS4MC.ORG/JOBS](https://arts4mc.org/jobs)

Submit an Arts Event



Don't forget to add any upcoming art events to our calendar, such as galas, festivals, and community gatherings so we avoid overlapping and missing out on all the excitement!

[Submit An Event](#)

## Events/Happenings

December 8th-10th: [The Nutcracker Ballet at the Robert Stanton Auditorium](#)

December 25 - January 1: Arts4MC Office Closed

December 31: [First Night Monterey](#). We'll see you there!

January 5: ArtWorks @Salinas Open for First Friday

## Call to Artists/Auditions

January 16th: [Humanities for All Project Applications](#)

## Grants & Scholarships

Until Funds Expended: [Community Arts Grants](#)

Ongoing: [Free Video Tutorial Grant Writing for Success](#)

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## 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? Find an [art class here](#).

Click [here](#) to add your own organization, or update your existing directory listing, to help others find you.

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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.

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*Support the arts in Monterey County!*

[Make A Donation](#)

