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Call for Nominations: Looking for the Next Poet Laureate

Deadline to Nominate is Wednesday, November 15, 2023

[MONTEREY COUNTY, CA. October 24, 2023] The Arts Council for Monterey County (Arts4MC) is excited to announce a call for nominations for the next Monterey County Poet Laureate. This is a two-year position that aims to celebrate Monterey County's cultural heritage and promote literacy and literature among its residents.

Interested poets can nominate themselves or be nominated by other county residents through an online application. To be eligible, poets must live in Monterey County, be at least 18 years of age, and be available to travel county-wide. An honorarium of \$2,500 per year will be provided to cover any travel costs over the term. The deadline for applications is Wednesday, November 15th, 2023, and the term will run from January 2024 through December 2025.

The Poet Laureate program was launched in March 2021, after the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors unanimously passed a resolution to create a Monterey County Poet Laureate coordinated by the Arts Council for Monterey County. "We are delighted to continue to develop the Poet Laureate program and find the next Poet who can bring new experiences and perspectives to our county," said Jacquie Atchison, Arts4MC Executive Director. "Daniel Summerhill did an outstanding job as the inaugural Poet Laureate, and we cannot wait to see what the next poet will bring."

The mission of the Poet Laureate is to:

- Elevate poetry in the awareness of Monterey County residents and to help celebrate the literary arts;
- Serve as an advocate for poetry, literature, and the arts;
- Lead a community project that makes poetry more accessible; and
- Contribute to Monterey County's poetry and literary legacy.

For more information or to apply, please visit arts4mc.org/poetlaureate

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