



# ARTS COUNCIL For Monterey County

*Enriching the lives of our community through the arts*

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## National Poetry Competition Comes to Monterey County

Arts4MC hosts Poetry Out Loud for High School Students Saturday, February 3, 2024

[MONTEREY COUNTY, CA. January 12, 2024] The Arts Council for Monterey County (Arts4MC) is proud to host the upcoming annual [Poetry Out Loud](#) (POL), national recitation competition for local high school students. This event will take place on Saturday, February 3, 2024 from 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm at the CSUMB Alumni and Visitors Center at 100 Campus Center in Seaside, California. The event will also be live-streamed on YouTube via the [@arts4mc](#) channel.

Poetry Out Loud, presented in partnership with Arts4MC, the California Arts Council, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Poetry Foundation, is part of a [national program](#) that encourages high school students to learn about great poetry – both classic and contemporary -- through memorization, performance, and competition. Since the program began in 2005, more than 4.3 million students and 76,000 teachers from 19,000 schools across the country have participated in Poetry Out Loud.

The winner of the competition will advance to the state-wide Poetry Out Loud contest in Sacramento on March 17 - 18, 2024. The California champion will advance to the 2024 POL National Finals in Washington, D.C. on April 30 - May 2, 2024 where a total of \$50,000 in awards and school stipends will be distributed.

“We couldn’t be happier to host this event again this year,” said Jacquie Atchison, Executive Director for Arts4MC, “Seeing the students on stage putting their all into their performance piece is nothing short of moving. I encourage everyone to come out and witness it for themselves.” Visit [arts4mc.org](http://arts4mc.org) to reserve your seat.

### LOCAL PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS INCLUDE:

- Alisal High School
- Notre Dame High School
- Rancho San Juan High School
- Everett Alvarez High School
- Pacific Grove High School
- Salinas High School
- Gonzales High School
- Palma School
- York School

For more information visit [arts4mc.org](http://arts4mc.org), or contact Karyn Lee-Garcia, Chief Programs Officer, at [karyn@arts4mc.org](mailto:karyn@arts4mc.org) or call 831-622-9060 x102.

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*Arts Council for Monterey County (Arts4MC) is committed to enhancing the quality of life for all residents in our region through the arts. We provide a variety of ways to make art more accessible to everyone, including but not limited to providing **Arts Education** programs through schools and community organizations, offering business resources for artists and nonprofits through **BusinessWorks**, creating studio and public art spaces for local artists by **Curating Public Exhibitions** and via our **ArtWorks** locations, awarding **Scholarships**, and providing **Grant Funding** to individual artists and nonprofits for community programs and events related to arts and culture. To learn more, visit [arts4mc.org](http://arts4mc.org).*



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## Concurso Nacional de Poesía Llega al Condado de Monterey

Arts4MC organiza Poetry Out Loud para estudiantes de secundaria Sábado, 3 de febrero de 2024

**CONDADO DE MONTEREY, CA. 12 de enero, 2024]** El Consejo de las Artes del Condado de Monterey (Arts4MC) se enorgullece de acoger la próxima edición anual de Poetry Out Loud o [Poesía en Voz Alta](#) (POL por sus iniciales en inglés), concurso nacional de recitación para estudiantes de secundaria locales. Este evento tendrá lugar el sábado, 3 de febrero 2024 de 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm en el CSUMB Alumni and Visitors Center en 100 Campus Street en Seaside, California. El evento también será transmitido en vivo en YouTube a través del canal @arts4mc.

Poetry Out Loud, presentado en colaboración con Arts4MC, el Consejo de las Artes de California, el Fondo Nacional de las Artes y la Fundación de la Poesía, es parte de un [programa nacional](#) que anima a los estudiantes de secundaria a aprender acerca de la gran poesía - tanto clásica como contemporánea - a través de la memorización, el rendimiento y la competencia. Desde el inicio del programa en 2005, más de 4.3 millones de estudiantes y 76,000 profesores de 19,000 centros de todo el país han participado en Poetry Out Loud.

El ganador(a) del concurso pasará al concurso estatal en Sacramento el 17 al 18 de Mayo de 2024. El campeón(a) de California pasará a la final nacional POL de 2024 en Washington, D.C., del 30 de abril al 2 de mayo de 2024, donde se distribuirá un total de \$50,000 dólares en premios y becas escolares.

"No podríamos estar más contentos de organizar este evento de nuevo este año", dijo Jacquie Atchison, Directora Ejecutiva de Arts4MC, "Ver a los estudiantes en el escenario poniendo todo en su poesía es muy conmovedor. Animo a todos que puedan venir que vengan y lo vean por sí mismo". Visite [arts4mc.org](http://arts4mc.org) para reservar su asiento.

### ESCUELAS PARTICIPANTES LOCALES INCLUYEN:

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*Arts Council for Monterey County (Arts4MC) se compromete a mejorar la calidad de vida de todos los residentes de nuestra región a través de las artes. Ofrecemos una variedad de maneras de hacer el arte más accesible a todos, incluyendo pero no limitado a proporcionar programas de educación artística a través de escuelas y organizaciones comunitarias, ofreciendo recursos de negocios para artistas y organizaciones sin fines de lucro a través de BusinessWorks, la creación de espacios de estudio y de arte público para los artistas locales mediante la curaduría de exposiciones públicas y a través de nuestras ubicaciones ArtWorks, la concesión de becas, y la concesión de subvenciones a artistas individuales y organizaciones sin fines de lucro para programas comunitarios y eventos relacionados con las artes y la cultura. Para más información, visite [arts4mc.org](http://arts4mc.org).*