



Proclamation

YOUTH ARTS MONTH

WHEREAS, the City of Palo Alto is proud to proclaim March 2025 as Youth Arts Month in Palo Alto, as part of the Council for Art Education's national observance to emphasize the importance of art education for all children and to encourage engagement in local art programs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Palo Alto's Community Services Department and Library Department proudly support youth arts and offer a diverse array of educational materials and youth classes, including drawing, painting, ceramics, fiber arts, digital photography, fashion design, and mixed media; and

WHEREAS, the Community Services Department also proudly supports the Palo Alto Children's Theatre, which provides a premier educational experience in all aspects of performing arts, including more than 100 classes. The Art Center engages thousands of children ranging from 18 months to 18 years with after-school and weekend art classes, family workshops, and summer camps in a variety of media and through the Art Center Teen Leadership program and free Family Days; and

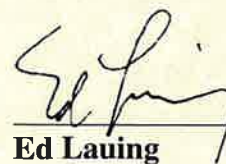
WHEREAS, over the past four to five decades, the City has partnered with the Palo Alto Unified School District to provide meaningful multi-disciplinary arts education programs to children and youth. These include the outreach theater productions, Dance in School classes, student matinee field trips and Magical Series program offered by the Children's Theatre, Project Look, the Art Center's field trip program, and Creative Connections, the Art Center's artists-in-the-schools program. These programs have engaged thousands of children annually and have won awards in the process, including two California State Superintendent's Award for Excellence in Museum Education; and

WHEREAS, recognizing Youth Arts Month provides a forum to celebrate the valuable skills children foster through art education such as problem solving, creativity, curiosity, observation, and communication. By recognizing this celebration, we can further promote awareness, enthusiasm, and support for art education programs, which are an essential part of the educational curriculum for our students.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Ed Lauing, Mayor of the City of Palo Alto, do hereby recognize March 2025 as Youth Arts Month in the City of Palo Alto.

Presented: March 1, 2025




Ed Lauing
Mayor