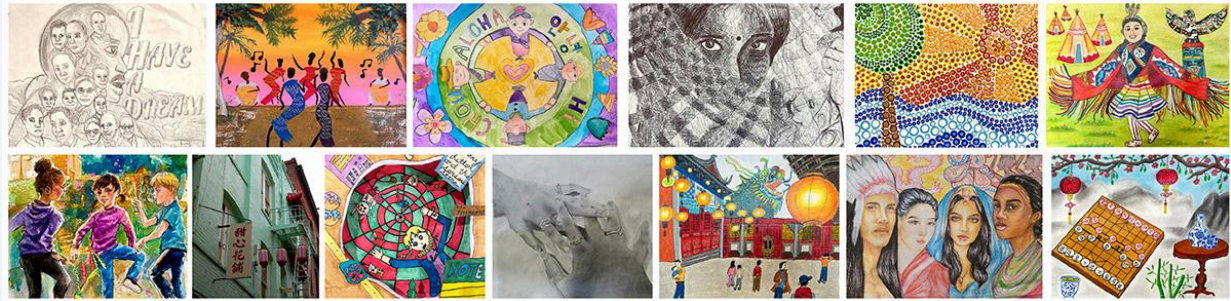


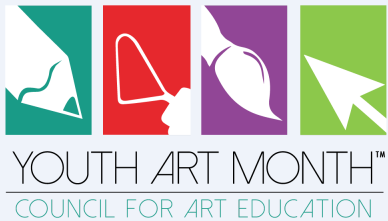


Artspiration Newsletter

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Artspiration News



March is Youth Arts Month!

We celebrate arts education in schools in March in a national initiative which began in 1961, led by the Arts and Creative Materials Institute. Its goals were to highlight art education by increasing commitment to the arts for students in schools and people of all ages with partnerships between community and business organizations and civic agencies. The National Art

Education Association celebrates Youth Art Month with a flag and banner program. The theme for 2026 is *The World Needs Art!*

The other arts education organizations celebrate March as Music in Our Schools Month (National Association for Music Education), Dance in Our Schools Month (National Dance Education Organization), and Theatre in Our Schools Month (American Alliance for Theatre & Education and the Educational Theatre Association). City councils are also celebrating the power of arts education and join the Santa Clara County Office of Education in recognizing March as Youth Arts Month with proclamations. Celebrate Youth Arts Month at your schools in March by highlighting it at meetings, community events, and school concerts and exhibitions.



Arts Education Resource Fair

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A distinguished panel of educators will be presenting about the impact of Proposition 28/Arts and Music in Schools. There will be hands-on activities, and ArtsEdConnect grantees to learn about their experiences with the arts in their classrooms.

The event is **FREE** of charge. The first 25 people to register will receive \$75, which includes a \$25 RAFT membership and \$50 in shopping credit.

We look forward to seeing you!

Date: Saturday, March 7, 2026

Time: 8:30AM – 1:00PM

Location:
RAFT Bay Area
1355 Ridder Park Drive

Audience:
Educators & Administrators

Grade Level(s): TK – 12

Cost: Free

Registration:
<https://sccoe.org/ArtsEducationResourceFair>



For more information, please contact:
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Register Here

2026 ¡Viva el mariachi! Showcase *Save the Date!*

The Santa Clara County Office of Education is excited to present the 2026 ¡Viva el Mariachi! Showcase with Master of Ceremonies, Damian Trujillo, esteemed producer and host of *Comunidad del Valle* and Emmy Award winning NBC Bay Area reporter.

- Friday, March 20, 2026
- Mexican Heritage Plaza Theater,
- 6:00 - 8:00 PM.

Youth mariachi and ballet folklórico groups have been accepted to perform at the Showcase, including those from the Campbell Union School District, the San Jose Unified School District, the Milpitas Unified School District, the Sunnyvale School District, the East Side Union High School District, the Alisal Union School District, and the Pajaro Valley Unified School District.

****Registration opens for tickets on February 20 at 9:00 am.**

Get Tickets Here

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Artspiration Leadership Council 2025-26

This week, a team of arts leaders, arts educators, and school and county administrators met for the third session of a strategic planning process. We reviewed three options for a vision and mission statement to guide Artspiration over the next two years. The next meeting will be held virtually on April 21 to refine the focus for the work of Artspiration for 2026-2028. Deep gratitude to those who are coming along on this journey!

Register by clicking on the button below.

Artspiration Leadership Council

- April 21, 2026, 4-5 online

Register for the Artspiration Leadership Council [Here!](#)

The Young Artist Showcase

**Theme - My Superpower:
The Power to Imagine. The Passion to Create.**

Everyone has a superpower—something that makes them unique, resilient, and extraordinary. It might be the rhythm in your music, the emotion in your performance, the movement in your dance, the vision in your art, or the message in your media. “My Superpower” invites artists across all disciplines to explore and express the inner forces that define them. Whether it’s the courage to speak out, the power of imagination, or the strength to overcome, this theme celebrates the diverse ways we channel our creativity into something powerful.

This is your moment to shine and turn your superpower into your art.

Key Dates

2025-26 YOUNG ARTISTS SHOWCASE SELECTION PROCESS:

- October 15, 2025 – April 1, 2026 | Electronic submissions of PK-12th-grade student artwork and media
- Week of April 13, 2026 | People's Choice Awards Adjudication
- May 4, 2026 | Online Student Art Gallery at www.sccoe.org/arts/yas
- May 14, 2026 | Young Artists Virtual Showcase Celebration for all grades: 4:00 p.m.

****For a 1:1 consultation, please click on the link at the bottom of the page.**

[Go To the Young Artist Showcase Page](#)



As your County Arts Coordinator, I am available for consultation on all aspects of arts education and can provide professional learning for educators, arts organizations, and community organizations. If you would like to connect, send me an email. In my response email, use the hyperlink 'Book time with Sofia Fojas' to set up a meeting, found in my signature.

Questions? Schedule a 1:1 with Dr. Fojas

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