

# Artspiration Newsletter

February 2024

HOPE IN A NEW ERA Young Artist Showcase 2023 - People's Choice Award Winners



## Happy February!

On February 2nd, Governor Newsom proclaimed February [Black History Month](#) in California. This year's theme is Black Americans and the arts across the nation. African Americans have impacted every arts discipline: music, dance, theater, and media arts. Their contributions loom large in literature, architecture and design, fashion, and every form of creative expression. A recent article by the World Economic Forum discusses the role of arts, and social justice, and African cultural identity. Another resource in a thoughtful discourse around Black History and the arts is the [National Museum of African American History and Culture website](#). Arts and social justice are intertwined in the history of Black Americans in the U.S. Please click on the button below for additional resources from the museum. Here is another resource: [Black History and Culture](#). The Arts *are* culture!



[Black History Month Digital Toolkit](#)

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# Artspiration News

## Artspiration Leadership Council 2023-2024



Join a community of arts leaders to inform a community-based plan for engagement in arts education and leverage shared leadership in the arts to support the sustainability of arts education in our county. How can we create arts education programming in schools that will nurture positive outcomes for our students?

April 9 is our last meeting from 4-5 p.m.

The last meeting will be devoted to how we can navigate the new arts landscape, given the passage of Proposition 28. We will continue to be a resource for Prop 28 guidances as the California Department of Education releases them.

[Register To Attend the Council](#)

[ArtspirationLeadershipCouncil\\_2023-2024.pdf](#)

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## 2024 ¡Viva el mariachi! Showcase: Save-the-date: April 4, 2024

The 2024 ¡Viva el mariachi! Showcase at the Mexican Heritage Plaza will take place on Thursday, April 4, 2024, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. outside at the Mexican Heritage Plaza.

2023 Viva el mariachi Showcase



April 5, 2023 | 6:00pm

## Mariachi Webpage

### 2024 Young Artist Showcase



**Applications are open!**

**Theme:** The Arts *are* Culture!

The Santa Clara County Office of Education announces the 2024 Young Artist Showcase. This showcase is open to public school students, grades Pre-kindergarten through 12th grade, in Santa Clara County.

This year's artwork theme, *The Arts are culture!*, encourages youth to imagine, through the arts and creativity, a place of belonging and valuing diversity through cultural celebration and creative expression. Understanding, belonging, and empathy are important to thrive in a diverse, contemporary world. Artistic expression is a means for expressing ourselves and our values. That expression contributes to the mosaic that is the rich ecosystem of Santa Clara County schools.

Adjudicators will determine the student artwork to be accepted into the permanent exhibit of student artwork located within the SCCOE campuses and showcased at the *virtual* Young Artist Showcase Celebration on May 16, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. All artwork will be submitted digitally. The deadline to enter is April 1, 2024.

[Click Here To Go to the YAS Guidelines](#)

[Submit Young Artist Showcase Artwork Here](#)

### Arts Technical Assistance/Professional Learning

As the Arts Coordinator, I support schools and districts by offering technical assistance and conducting professional learning sessions on the strategic arts plans, California Arts Standards, the Arts Framework Universal Design for Learning, arts integration, arts equity funding, arts

education infrastructure, ELO-P, and arts after-school, and other arts-related topics. Feel free to contact me at [sfojas@sccoe.org](mailto:sfojas@sccoe.org) if you require any training related to those topics or training specifically for arts teachers in your schools.



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## Santa Clara County Office of Education

### 2024 CISC Leadership Symposium



The 2024 symposium will be held in Monterey, CA, February 21-23, 2024. The symposium theme is **Students Rising: Safe, Engaged, Supported**. It has always been a space for educators throughout

California to connect, collaborate, and learn. We strongly believe that student arts serve as an inspiration and connection for the educational leaders attending the symposium!

Registration is closed for this conference, so thanks to all registered! If those of you attending, here is a list of arts sessions being presented at the conference:

- Acts of Nature: Arts Connected to Science, Nature Journaling Edition by Noelle Chandler and Adrienne Nau
- Amplifying and Empowering Voices from the Margins: Exploring KQED's Call for Change Youth Media Challenge by Tamatha Hauskens and Amanda Turkie
- Deep Listening: Community Building & SEL through Songwriting by Tommy Shepherd
- Life Journeys Unveiled: Transformative SEL Through the Arts by Amy Bultena
- Making Sanity: How Makerspaces Spark Wellness and Mental Health by Jennifer Andaya-Lambinico and Rachel Okazaki
- ¡Viva el Mariachi! Equity and Social Justice in the Arts by Zaida Ramos and Sofia Fojas
- Amplify: Elevating Homeless Student Voices Through Multimedia by Allyson Baptiste and Kim Silva
- Connecting Arts Education, LCFF Priorities, and Student Success by Jamie Viveros, Pauline Crooks, and Letty Kraus
- Free and Insanely Great STEAM Resources: Let's Do More Than Close the Gaps by Barbara Nemko
- Building Effective Arts Education Programs by Pauline Crooks, Patrice Cooley, and Scott Fitzpatrick

We look forward to seeing you in Monterey!

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## Artspiration Partner Corner

Arts in Your Classroom

Serving educators and academic professionals, this year's conference will offer a series of valuable workshops and presentations under the theme of *Building Belonging*.

The day will offer teachers a deeper understanding of culturally affirming and anti-racist teaching approaches to implementing arts integration strategies in order to further the work of building belonging in classrooms. Educators will gain skills, tools, and knowledge to carry out practical, standards-based techniques, approaches, and activities that will bring creativity and joy to teaching and to student learning.

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## Create CA: March is Arts Education Month

### CREATE CA

March is Arts Education Month, giving California schools and arts education advocates a unique opportunity to focus on the value of the arts for all students, foster cross-cultural understanding, provide recognition to their outstanding young artists and arts education teachers, and enhance public support for this essential part of the curriculum.

Engaging your school board to proclaim March Arts Education Month is an excellent opportunity to build relationships with school leadership and raise awareness of the importance of arts education and the new funding all schools will receive through Prop 28, the Arts & Music in Schools Act.

### Arts Education Month Advocacy



### Newsom's Budget Proposal Could Provide New Pathway for Arts Education Teachers | KQED

Many California arts education advocates have been championing the use of career technical education (CTE) to attract new arts teachers to help fulfill the state's historic arts mandate, but elementary schools are being left out.

🔗 [kqed.org](https://www.kqed.org)

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# Thanks To Prop 28 - School Districts Need Arts Teachers

by Eric Engdahl



**U**nder Prop 28, at least 80% of funds are to be used to hire teachers. But there are not enough credentialed teachers to fill all the positions that will open. Currently in California, there is a limited number of credential programs for teachers in the arts—57 credential programs offer visual art credentials and 64 programs offer music but only 2 offer dance and 4 offer theater. (Dance and theatre credentials were only re-activated in 2020 and the pandemic slowed the implementation of credential programs.)

Nevertheless, there are multiple avenues for hiring arts teachers. Schools can hire existing credentialed staff, CTE credential holders, teaching credential candidates, and teaching artists.

Districts may consider contacting teacher education programs to let them know about hiring needs. In some cases, a university may be going slow starting dance and/or theatre credential programs because they are uncertain about enrollment numbers. Informing them about district need may speed things up. Consider offering partnerships—offering to host student teachers or hiring candidates under Intern Credentials.

Districts with non-profit arts organization partnerships should consider that those partnerships are and will remain an important part of the educational landscape. They may also be a source of teachers.



## CCSESA\_Prop28\_ArtsTeachers.pdf

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## New Studies Link the Arts to Crucial Cognitive Skills

**New Studies  
Underscore  
the Value  
of the  
ARTS**





## About us

**Artspiration** is the countywide initiative to support arts education for all students in Santa Clara County Schools.

**Vision:** Partnering with public schools, arts organizations, and the greater community to foster equitable and transformative education through the Arts.

**Mission:** Artspiration is committed to shared leadership in advocating, empowering, and supporting sustainable arts education to develop the creative capacity of each student and

educator in Santa Clara County public schools.

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