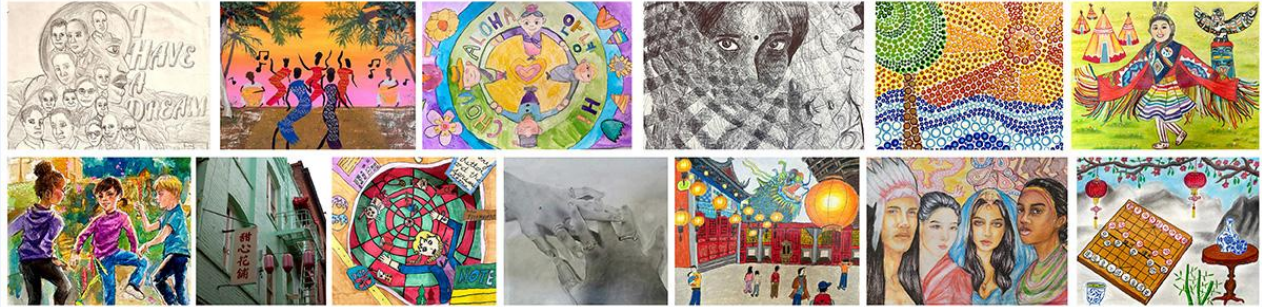




Artspiration Newsletter

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Artspiration News




Brrrr! Welcome back to school and hot off the presses is the January Artspiration Newsletter! This month, many music educators are meeting in Sacramento at the California All-State Music Education Conference (CASMEC). Hope to see you there!


You are invited to send arts events you would like to share with the Artspiration community by the 20th of each month for consideration. Celebrate the Arts!

Artspiration-Sponsored Events


Artspiration Leadership Council Meeting #2


The next Artspiration Leadership Council will take place online from **4:00-5:00 PM on Tuesday, January 14**. Join a community of thinkers to inform a community-based plan for engagement in arts education, leverage shared leadership in the arts to support the sustainability of arts education in our county.

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Artspiration Leadership Council

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Dates:
October 22, 2024
January 14, 2025
April 22, 2025

Time: 4 to 5:00 p.m.

Location: Virtual

Audience:
TK-12 Educators, Administrators, Teaching Artists, and Arts Administrators

Grade Level(s): TK – 12

Registration:
<https://forms.gle/9t9n4r0e0e0e0e0e>
artspirationleadershipcouncil

For more information, please contact:
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[Click Here to Register](#)

2025 Young Artist Showcase: The Arts Build Civic Engagement: Involved in Arts, Involved in Life!



The 2025 Young Artist Showcase application is open.

The Santa Clara County Office of Education announces the 2025 Young Artist Showcase. This showcase is open to public school students, grades Pre-kindergarten through 12th grade, in Santa Clara County. 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 23, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. All artwork will be submitted digitally.

This year's artwork theme is inspired by research highlighted by the National Endowment of the Arts in 2004: Arts as Civic Engagement: Involved in Arts, involved in Life (National Endowment for the Arts, 2004). In 2017, the Invine Foundation funded a study that had similar findings (Rabkin, 2017). There is a consistent correlation between arts participation and civic engagement, and experiences during adolescence are particularly impactful (Rabkin, 2017, p. 5). The arts build connections between people, evoking trust, and are crucial in rebuilding social capital - shared values and resources used towards achieving a common goal or set of goals.

Key Dates

2024-25 YOUNG ARTISTS SHOWCASE SELECTION PROCESS:

- November 1, 2024 – April 1, 2025 | Electronic submissions of PK-12th grade student artwork and media
- Week of April 14, 2025 | People's Choice Awards Adjudication
- May 13, 2025 | Online Student Art Gallery at www.sccoe.org/arts/yas
- May 23, 2025 | Young Artists Virtual Showcase Celebration for all grades: 4:00 p.m.

Click on the button below to access the guidelines in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

[Visit the 2025 Young Artist Showcase Web Page](#)

2025 ¡Viva el mariachi! Showcase



Save-the-Date! We welcome back the Mariachi Los Gavilanes from Monaco Middle School in Las Vegas to perform highlighting local groups on April 3, 2025! Click the button below for more information!



[Visit our Mariachi Webpage](#)

Research

Please click on the links below for studies that show the impact of arts education.



[Performing Arts Education](#)

[Arts-SEL-MS](#)

[Civic Engagement and Arts](#)

[Arts Integration](#)

[Seeing and Being Seen](#)

In Memoriam

In Loving Memory of Vince Gomez February 2, 1935 – January 1, 2025

Vince Gomez, a beloved musician, music educator, devoted mentor, and lifelong advocate for the arts, passed away peacefully on January 1, 2025, following complications from a brief illness. Vince and his wife, Carol, had made their home in New Mexico after retirement.

A veteran music educator with a remarkable 50-year career, Vince left an indelible mark on the California music education community. He taught in K-12 settings in Los Angeles, Tracy, Berkeley, San Francisco, and San Carlos, nurturing countless young musicians and inspiring fellow educators. He also led two regional youth orchestras and later went on to teach at Cabrillo College in Aptos.

Vince's colleagues remember him for his boundless energy and enthusiasm. He was equally skilled in guiding directors of orchestras, bands, choirs, and jazz ensembles, helping them to refine their craft. Through his guidance and encouragement, Vince touched the



lives of countless students and teachers, leaving behind a legacy of excellence and inspiration.

Read more about his life here:

[Vince Gomez Local 6 AFM](#)



Technical Assistance and Office Hours

As your County Arts Coordinator, I am available for consultation about all things 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. The meeting link can be found below my signature.

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