



Artspiration Newsletter

April 2025 | Issue 8



Artspiration News

April is Arts and Culture Month!



April is Arts, Culture, and Creativity Month! The California Legislature declared the month of April as Arts and Culture Month in 2019. This year's theme is Health, Hope, and Healing, and is being led by the advocacy group Californians for the Arts. Please see the following websites for a more detailed description of this month's events.

[CA for the Arts on Arts & Culture Month](#)

[SVCcreates on Arts & Culture Month 2025](#)

Artspiration-Sponsored Events

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

The 2025 Young Artist Showcase Submissions are closed



Check back next month for announcements of the People's Choice Awardees!

Key Dates

2024-25 YOUNG ARTISTS SHOWCASE SELECTION PROCESS:

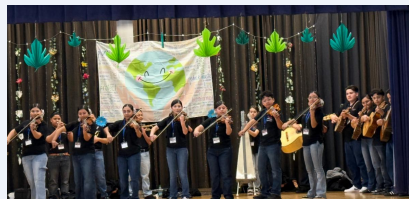
- November 1, 2024 – April 1, 2025 | Electronic submissions of PK-12th grade student artwork and media
- Week of April 14, 2025 | People's Choice Awards Adjudication
- May 13, 2025 | Online Student Art Gallery at www.sccoe.org/arts/yas
- May 23, 2025 | Young Artists Virtual Showcase Celebration for all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

2025 ¡Viva el mariachi! Showcase



The ¡Viva el mariachi! Showcase was a tremendous success! Please see the pictures of the county tour as well as some photos from the concert itself!

[Visit our Mariachi Webpage](#)



Mariachi Article and Podcast

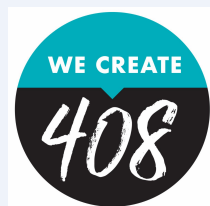
[The Magic of Mariachi Music in Schools](#)

On May 13, 2024, Zaida Ramos, a mariachi educator in Alum Rock Union School District, was interviewed by Karen Souza of EdSource. She is from a family of mariachi musicians who began the mariachi program in the Alum Rock Union School District. Read the full article by clicking on the button below.

Click to Listen to the Podcast

Read the Article

Partner Corner



#WeCreate408

This is a fun set of events through the San Jose Office of Cultural Affairs to celebrate April as Arts, Culture, and Creativity Month. Click on the link below to participate in this initiative. Sign up to receive daily prompts and share your response on social media!

Visit the #408WeCreate Webpage!

Cantor Arts Center

Cantor Arts Center Educator Open House

When: May 15, 4:30 pm-7:00 pm

Where: Cantor Arts Center, Stanford University

Who: Elementary Educators and Leaders!

Agenda

4:30 pm-5:00 pm: Gather, Mingle, Eat, Drink!

5:00 pm-5:15 pm: Opening remarks and introduction to the [Cantor Arts Center](#)

5:15 pm-6:15 pm: Choose your Adventure! Guided Tours based on your interests/grade

6:15 pm-6:30 pm: Re-gather, Q&A, Close

6:30 pm -7:00 pm: Optional independent museum exploration

Register Free!



Prop 28 and Arts and Music in Schools Survey

WestEd, in partnership with Create CA, is conducting a survey as part of a study to deepen our understanding of the challenges and enabling factors that districts and schools encounter in utilizing Proposition 28 Arts and Music in Schools funds.

The survey should take approximately 10-20 minutes to complete and can be accessed through the link by clicking on the button on the left.

Please note that all responses will be kept confidential.

Who Should Complete This Survey?

- Visual and Performing Arts Coordinators
- School District Leaders
- County Office of Education Leaders
- Principals & School Site Administrators

- Charter Management Organization Leaders
- Arts Teachers
- Non-Profit or Community Organizations
- For-Profit Arts Providers

Your perspectives and knowledge are highly valuable, and your participation in this survey will make a significant contribution to creating a comprehensive statewide analysis. The insights gathered will also be pivotal in advancing arts education in California.

Take the Survey



California Exemplary Arts Education Award (EAEA): A Webinar Exploration of the Updated 2025–26 Application and Submission Process

Mark your calendar and register for a webinar detailing the upcoming 2025-26 application submission window of the **California Exemplary Arts Education Award (EAEA)**. The EAEA acknowledges individual school sites that demonstrate a commitment to sustained access and equity to standards-aligned arts education programs for all students they serve.

In this webinar, you will learn more about the purpose of the EAEA program, the eligibility requirements, the application timeline, and updated application components. We encourage you to attend to learn how schools will be evaluated, including what evidence will need to be submitted, as well as when and how to submit your school's application.

Date: Tuesday, April 29, 2025

Time: 2–3 p.m.

Register via Zoom

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.

Sofia Fojas
sfojas@sccoe.org
Artspiration@SCCOE | www.artspiration.sccoe.org





Try email marketing for free today!