

# Artspiration Newsletter

March 2024

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



## March is Youth Arts Month!



Youth Arts Month began in 1961 by the National Art Education Association to recognize art as a critical part of a well-rounded child's education. Encouragement and commitment to the arts by students, community organizations, businesses, governmental agencies, and individuals was the goal of the initiative.

In 2024, research shows us how participation in the arts develops a path to creative self-expression, instills a sense of belonging, prepares students for a 21st-century workforce, and connects families and communities to rich cultural experiences. The positive effects of arts participation in schools are increased attendance, higher academic achievement, greater confidence, and higher civic engagement. We need what the arts and creativity bring now more than ever for every child and every educator in our schools. How are you celebrating Youth Arts Month?

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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 virtual 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](#)

## 2024 ¡Viva el mariachi! Showcase: April 4, 2024

The 2024 ¡Viva el mariachi! Showcase at the Mexican Heritage Plaza will occur on Thursday, April 4, 2024, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in La Plaza at the School of Arts and Culture. The link to free tickets is online now! Mariachi groups from Lincoln High School, Alum Rock Union School District, and Alisal Union School District will be performing along with dancers from Grupo Folklórico de Downtown College Prep Alum Roch High School, Mt. Pleasant High School Las Palomas, and Los Lupeños Juvenil. Click on the link below for free tickets!

Santa Clara County Office of Education

**2024**  
**¡VIVA EL MARIACHI!**  
**SHOWCASE**

Special Guest: Mariachi Los Gavilanes from Monaco Middle School, Las Vegas

April 4, 2024 | 6:00 p.m.

The Mexican Heritage Plaza at the School of Arts and Culture  
1700 Alum Rock Avenue  
San Jose, CA 95116

Tickets:  
<https://sccoe.to/2024vivaelmariachi>

Enjoy this **FREE** concert featuring performances by local youth mariachi and ballet Folklórico groups.

For more information, please contact:  
Sofia Fojas, Arts Coordinator at  
(408) 453-6535 or [sfojas@sccoe.org](mailto:sfojas@sccoe.org)

 School of Arts & Culture  
Mexican Heritage Plaza

Santa Clara County Office of Education

**2024**  
**¡VIVA EL MARIACHI!**  
**SHOWCASE**

Invitado especial: desde Las Vegas, Mariachi Los Gavilanes Monaco Middle School

4 de abril del 2024 | 6:00 p.m.

Lugar: Mexican Heritage Plaza  
School of Arts and Culture  
1700 Alum Rock Avenue  
San Jose, CA 95116

Tickets:  
<https://sccoe.to/2024vivaelmariachi>

Venga a disfrutar del concierto **GRATUITO** con las presentaciones de mariachis locales y danzas del ballet Folklórico.

Para más información, por favor comuníquese con:  
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**2024**  
**¡VIVA EL MARIACHI!**  
**BUỔI BIỂU DIỄN**

Khách mời đặc biệt: Mariachi Los Gavilanes từ Trường trung học Monaco, Las Vegas

Ngày 4 tháng 4 năm 2024 | 6:00 p.m.

Tại: Mexican Heritage Plaza  
khu School of Arts and Culture  
1700 Alum Rock Avenue  
San Jose, CA 95116

Vé:  
<https://sccoe.to/2024vivaelmariachi>

Xin mời quý vị thưởng thức buổi hòa nhạc MIỄN PHÍ này bao gồm phần biểu diễn của nhóm mariachi thanh thiếu niên và nhóm múa ba lê Folklórico.

Để biết thêm thông tin, xin liên lạc với:  
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 School of Arts & Culture  
Mexican Heritage Plaza

[Mariachi Webpage](#)

[Click Here For Tickets](#)

## 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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## Artspiration Partner Corner

### 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.

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## Proposition 28/Arts and Music in Schools

The California Department of Education (CDE) has certified the 2023–24 First Principal (P-1) Apportionment, which includes funding for the AMS program.

The following information is available on the CDE's [Proposition 28: Arts and Music in Schools funding results webpage](#) to assist local educational agencies in understanding 2023–24 P-1 AMS allocations:



- Apportionment letter and accompanying attachment that describe funding calculations and available resources.
- Funding exhibits detailing total funding for each local educational agency.
- Funding Excel file detailing AMS funding allocations at the school site level, including information regarding funding for California State Preschool Programs.

AMS funding will flow to local educational agencies through monthly [Principal Apportionment payments](#) beginning in February 2024.

For more information about the AMS program, please visit the CDE's [Proposition 28–Arts and Music in Schools Funding webpage](#).

If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact the Proposition 28 Support Team by email at [Prop28@cde.ca.gov](mailto:Prop28@cde.ca.gov).

The Audit Guide and Waiver Form have not been released yet. Keep checking the Prop 28 FAQ page for updates.

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## More Dance in More Schools: Prop 28 Tip Sheet for Schools and Districts

[The California Dance Education Association](#) recognizes the logistical and space challenges of providing dance education especially in schools where there is no dedicated dance space. This tip sheet is designed to help school community members, administrators and teachers with the resources to ensure that dance is available and accessible without barrier to all CA students. Ensure that dance gets the funding it deserves. Share this tip sheet with your principal, district administration, and even your superintendent.



Developed by Zakiya Atkinson, Assistant Professor of Dance, California State University, Long Beach; Patrice Cooley, Arts Coordinator, San Bernadino County Office of Education; Nicole S. Robinson in collaboration with California Dance Education Association Executive Board

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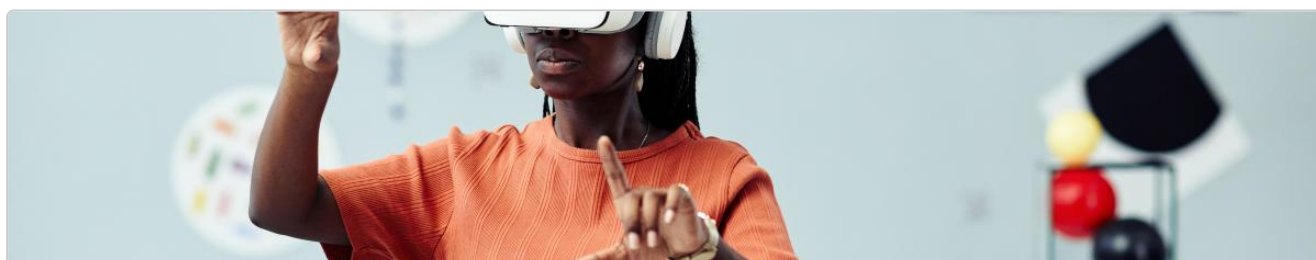
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**Arts Education Month Advocacy**

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## Publications

### An International Perspective: UNESCO Framework for Culture and Arts Education



[unesco.org](https://unesco.org)

#### WCCAE\_UNESCO Framework\_EN\_0.pdf

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### 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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