

ALAMEDA COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION



Celebrating March as Art is Education Month!

The **Alameda County Arts Commission** is pleased to share this newsletter with information about the annual Art is Education Month of March, the annual Alameda County Poetry Out Loud Competition results, and a Student Art Showcase presented by Alameda County Office of Education.

All of the programs and services of the Arts Commission are based on the belief that arts and creativity are an essential part of every successful and thriving community. Thank you for your support of the arts in Alameda County!

CREATE ALAMEDA COUNTY

March 2022 Art is Education Month Activities

Creativity is essential, and art is healing! We use our creativity every day to create solutions for the world we share.

Learn more and get involved:

Week of March 1: Watch the **Alameda County Board of Supervisors** proclaim March as Art is Education month on Tues, March 1. Encourage your City Council and School Board to proclaim support for March as Art is Education month using this **sample proclamation**. Tag your arts education events on social media with hashtags **#ArtisEducation #CreateAlamedaCounty**. Download and use the **Art IS Education logo**.

Week of March 7: Share the value of the arts with your networks. Post social media images from the **March advocacy toolkit** presented by **CREATE CA**.

Week of March 14: Learn about arts advocacy by watching a short interview with Julie Baker, Director of **Californians for the Arts** (CFTA) and Joaquin Newman, REACH Ashland Youth Center Arts Program Manager. Also, sign up for the **CFTA Arts Advocacy training** on Fri, March 25.

Week of March 21: Attend the **Arts Advocacy training** presented by **Californians for the Arts** (CFTA) on Fri, March 25 and receive the CFTA Advocacy Toolkit.

Week of March 28: Join us for a hands-on, all ages, virtual event "Celebrating Everyone's Creativity" on Wed, March 30 at 3 pm. **Click here to register**.

All Events: For more information, **click here**.

Year-round:

Learn more about resources and opportunities with key partners: **Alameda County Library, Alameda County Community Food Bank, Oakland Vet**



Alameda County Poetry Out Loud Winner

Poetry Out Loud is an annual program open to all County high schools. This year the Poetry Out Loud competition was conducted as a video submission contest due to the pandemic. Esha Bansiya (pictured), a student from Fremont, is the winner of the Alameda County Poetry Out Loud competition. Esha will represent Alameda County in the **California State Poetry Out Loud** competition conducted by video submission in March.

Student Art Showcase City Speaks: DiverCity

Alameda County Office of Education is hosting a virtual art showcase encouraging students in grades PK-12 to explore the diversity of our County and demonstrate how it speaks to them and the world around us through the arts.

Students can submit artwork from the 2021-22 school year that fits this theme and their artist statement.

[Click here to view the flyer.](#)



Resources for Artists and Arts Organizations



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Arts Education Advocacy

Images of Families: Alameda County community members participating in Arts Education programs presented by the Arts Commission at Alameda County Library locations. Photographs by Sibila Savage. Graphic Design by Malik Johnson. Bottom Image of Student Artwork: "DreamChasers" Mural, acrylic on canvas (60"x60"). Painted by students and teaching artists of the REACH Ashland Youth Center.

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