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Alameda County Declares April 2025 Arts, Culture and Creativity Month



Image Caption: April 1, 2025 Arts, Culture and Creativity Proclamation Event participants (from left to right): Andrea Guskin, Arts Commissioner; Cathy O’Dea, Arts Commissioner; Sawsan Wolski, Arts Commissioner and Dublin Arts Collective Co-Founder; Lena Tam, Vice President of the Board of Supervisors; Nate Miley, County Supervisor; Vanessa Thomas, Dublin Arts Collective Co-Founder; Winda Shimizu, Arts Commission Chairperson; Rachel Osajima, Arts Commission Director; David Haubert, President of the Board of Supervisors; Elisa Márquez, County Supervisor; Kimberly Gasaway, General Services Agency Director; Nikki Fortunato Bas, County Supervisor; Melissa Wilk, Auditor-Controller/Clerk-Recorder; Sandra Rivera, Community Development Agency Director; Laura Lloyd, Chief Deputy Auditor-Controller; and Violet Harlo, Arts Commission Program Coordinator.

(Oakland, CA) On Tuesday, April 1, 2025, the [Alameda County Board of Supervisors](#) proclaimed April as Arts, Culture and Creativity month. The County and the [Alameda County Arts Commission](#) are excited to celebrate the [7th Annual California Arts, Culture and Creativity Month](#). This statewide month-long event was first established by the California legislature in 2019 and is led by [California for the Arts](#).

Alameda County believes that arts, culture and creativity are essential to our thriving community! Arts inspire discovery, lifelong learning, and joy. Culture creates connections and strengthens community. Creativity sparks innovation and positive change.

The celebration of Arts, Culture, and Creativity Month provides an opportunity to showcase the rich diversity of artistic and cultural traditions in our community. Events are presented by organizations throughout the County including [Dublin Arts Collective](#), [Fremont Creates](#), [Hayward Arts Council](#), [Livermore Art Association](#), [Pleasanton Art League](#), [Union City Recreation Department](#) and others. Everyone is encouraged to attend and support the many exciting events this month.

On Friday, April 18 from 4:00-5:00 pm, there will be a Celebration of Arts, Culture & Creativity Month at the Oakland Museum of California. Oakland arts leaders are partnering with [California for the Arts](#) and the [Alameda County Arts Commission](#) to present this important recognition of this month-long event. This will be a wonderful way to bring together community members and city, county, and state leaders. The event includes inspiring speakers, performers and the opportunity to network with the East Bay arts community! This free event is open to the public. Learn more and RSVP on the [event page](#).

In April, the Alameda County Arts Commission and the Dublin Arts Collective are presenting two Arts, Culture and Creativity Youth Art Exhibitions. The exhibitions feature works created by youth artists from the Dublin area and are presented at the Alameda County Administration Building, Supervisors' Lobby Gallery in Oakland and at The Frame Company and Art Gallery in Dublin. The Dublin exhibition will host a reception for the youth artists on Monday, April 28 at 6:00 pm.

To encourage participation throughout the County, the Arts Commission is distributing 30,000 arts education activity sheets and paint brushes with partners throughout the County. The sheets have watercolor paint embedded in the paper, so all that is needed is a little water. Major supporters are the [Alameda County Board of Supervisors](#) and the [Alameda County Auditor-Controller/Clerk-Recorder Agency](#). Partners include [Alameda County Library](#), [Alameda County Community Food Bank](#), [First 5 Alameda County](#), [Oakland Vet Center](#), [CREATE CA](#), [Californians for the Arts](#) and more. A coloring page version of the activity sheet is also available for download from the Arts Commission's website. Over 10,000 coloring pages and crayons are distributed annually at County sites and community events.

The Alameda County Arts Commission leads local efforts to advance the arts through programs, services, and community-building initiatives such as the arts education program CREATE Alameda County and the Alameda County City-Level Arts Partnership Network. The Arts Commission extends its impact through partnerships with major state-level arts agencies including Californians for the Arts, CREATE CA, and California Arts Council. This collective work at the local level and throughout the state inspires optimism, encourages resilience in the face of challenges, and changes our lives for the better.

Learn more about the Alameda County Arts Commission at arts.acgov.org.

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