

Arts, Culture & Creativity Month

Annual Event celebrated in Alameda County and throughout California



The 2026 Arts, Culture and Creativity Month of April is the 8th annual statewide celebration first established by the California legislature in 2019.

The theme for this year's celebration is joy, action, and power which focuses on uplifting social well-being and advancing equity, inclusion, and access.

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

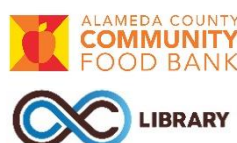
These contributions are vital components of a healthy and vibrant community, contributing to economic development, education, and quality of life.

The Alameda County Arts Commission leads local efforts to advance the arts through programs, services, and the 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 California 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.

The celebration of Arts, Culture, and Creativity Month provides an opportunity to showcase the rich diversity of artistic and cultural traditions in our community. Everyone is encouraged to join in the celebration!

Learn more at arts.alamedacountyca.gov



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- The Arts Commission's website features arts education advocacy resources including information from state arts partners California for the Arts and CREATE CA so that everyone can join the effort to elevate the arts and arts education.
- Every year, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors supports April as Arts, Culture and Creativity month with a proclamation. Additionally, cities across Alameda County make proclamations supporting the arts in April and throughout the year including the cities of Berkeley, Dublin, Emeryville, Fremont, Hayward, Livermore, Oakland, Pleasanton, Union City and others.
- The Arts Commission shares 30,000 watercolor arts education activity sheets and paintbrushes with community members. Key partners include the Alameda County Board of Supervisors, Auditor-Controller/Clerk-Recorder Agency, Alameda County Library, and all County agencies. Additional community partners include Alameda County Community Food Bank, First 5 Alameda County, HARD, Oakland Vet Center, and many other partners.



- A coloring page booklet 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.
- Community arts events for youth, families and adults are presented throughout Alameda County during April. Art organizations that often participate include the Dublin Arts Collective, Fremont Creates, Hayward Arts Council, Livermore Art Association, Pleasanton Art League, Union City Recreation Department and others.



For more information:

- Learn more about the Alameda County Arts Commission's programs at arts.alamedacountyca.gov
- The Alameda County Arts Commission is a division of the Alameda County Auditor-Controller/Clerk-Recorder Agency. For questions, email artscommission@acgov.org