



MARIPOSA COUNTY  
**ARTS** COUNCIL

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Millee Tibbs, *Mountains + Valleys* "Yosemite Falls Tetrapych"

# MARIPOSA COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL



I am pleased to share our second annual publication with you and invite you to take a look back on a year filled with dynamic programs, educational achievements and warm community engagement. As the Board of Directors, staff and I reflect on the past twelve months, we are reminded of the important role our members and supporters play in helping us realize our mission. Thank you for your commitment to the Arts Council and expanding the positive impact of the arts in our community.

**CARA GOGER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**





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# THE MISSION OF THE MARIPOSA COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL IS TO SUPPORT ALL FORMS OF THE CULTURAL ARTS, FOR ALL AGES, THROUGHOUT MARIPOSA COUNTY.

We believe that the arts contribute significantly to the vibrancy and health of Mariposa County, and our programs and the services we provide are designed to benefit our community in the following ways:



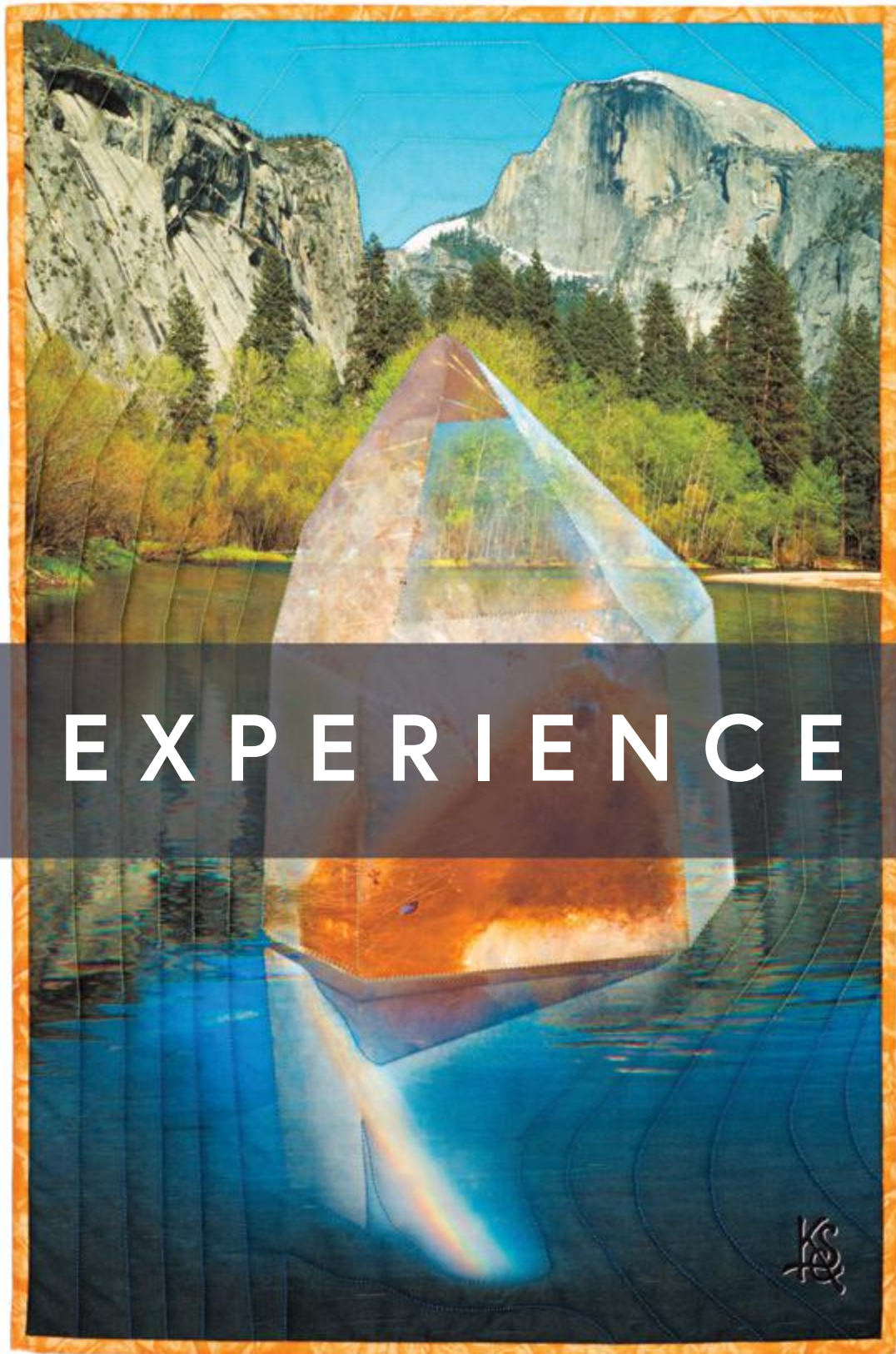
- Serve the diverse interests of residents living in and around Mariposa County
- Positively increase the visibility of Mariposa
- Leverage the many positive facets of art for constructive community engagement, civic dialogue and social change
- Support the local economy



- Provide opportunities for collaboration among individuals, organizations, businesses and civic leaders in Mariposa and beyond
- Act as a conduit to better connect the community of Mariposa to issues, movements and opportunities beyond its boundaries
- Foster awareness of the wide range of artistic voices and media offering different lenses of interpretation for our community, environment and world



- Utilize the arts as an equalizer that can create a level playing field where underrepresented voices can be heard, amplified and engaged
- Contribute to the health of all people by engaging them in the creation and appreciation of art



OUR PROGRAMS



# EXHIBITIONS

Our Treetop Gallery features the work of regional artists, curated exhibitions and public programming and is designed to be both a retail gallery and welcoming place for engagement with the visual arts. Additionally, the Arts Council organizes and curates exhibitions that travel beyond the Treetop.

**In 2017, 16,658 gallery guests enjoyed our curated exhibitions and the artwork of regional artists.**



## **LANDMARK: Yosemite Through the Lens of Contemporary Landscape Photography**

Artists: Binh Danh, Mark Klett and Byron Wolfe, Ted Orland, Millee Tibbs, and Jerry Uelsmann

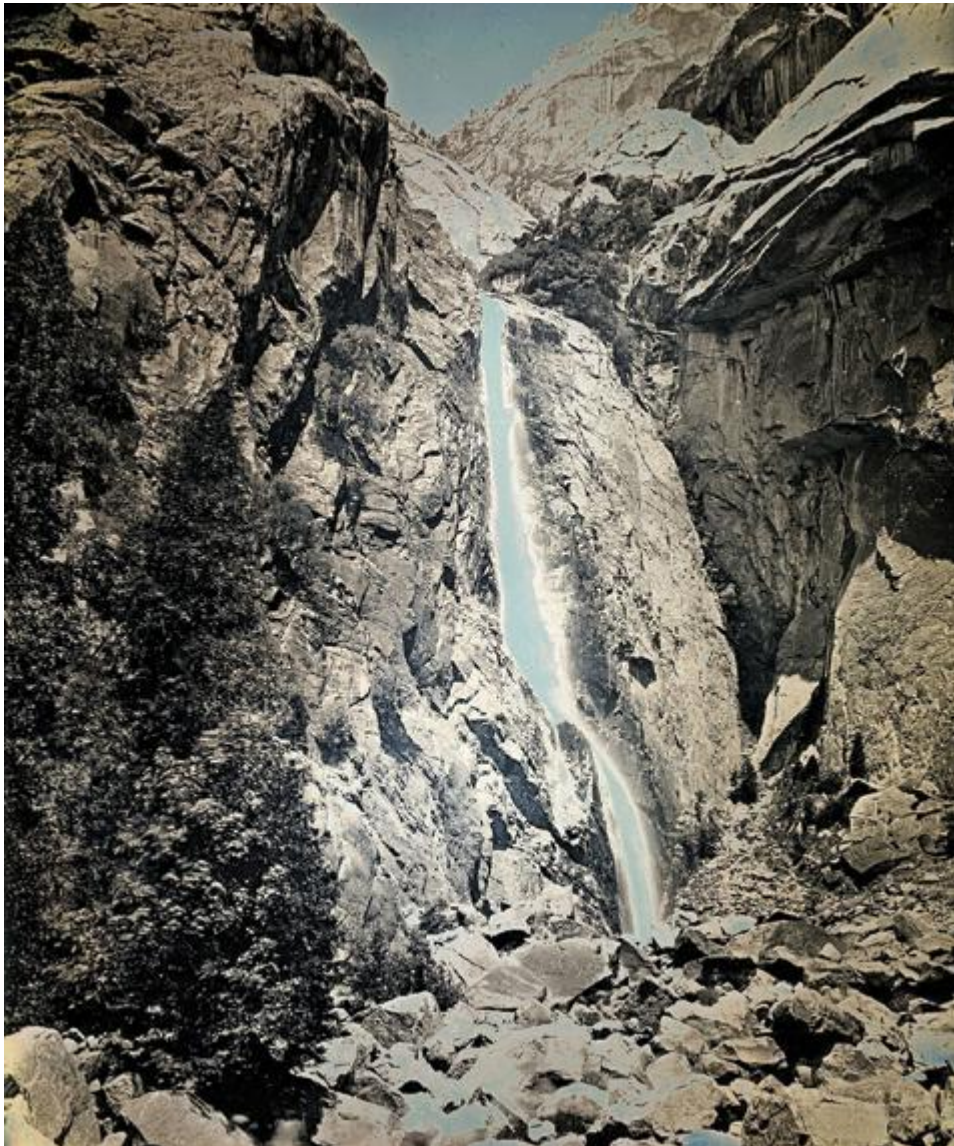
Landscape photography is uniquely wedded to the National Parks, and to Yosemite in particular. Many of our nation's most famous photographers have storied relationships with Yosemite – their work not only celebrates and shares the landscape's grandeur, but also examines our relationship to wilderness and conservation.

The contemporary artists selected for this exhibition bring new representation and varied voices to the genre of landscape photography, strengthening the rich relationship between the medium and Yosemite, while also blazing new conceptual and technical ground with their work.

Top Right:  
Jerry Uelsmann, "Untitled"

Mid-page:  
Mark Klett and Byron Wolfe, "Panorama from Sentinel Dome connecting three views by Carleton Watkins"





In alignment with the National Park Service's mission to extend the benefits of natural and cultural resource conservation widely, in 2017 *LANDMARK* traveled along the well-traveled corridor between Yosemite and the Bay Area (Yosemite, Merced, Mariposa, and San Francisco), creating a link between rural and urban populations that are geographically, socially and economically connected to Yosemite.

Organized and curated by the Mariposa County Arts Council, *LANDMARK* was a partnership program with the Yosemite Museum/National Park Service, the Merced County Arts Council and San Francisco Camerawork and was generously supported by the National Endowment for the Arts "Imagine Your Parks" grant program and the Yosemite/Mariposa County Tourism Bureau, Michael Frye and Claudia Welsh, Carol Johnson, and Michelle Marco.

Above: Binh Danh, "Lower Yosemite Falls, June 20, 2014"



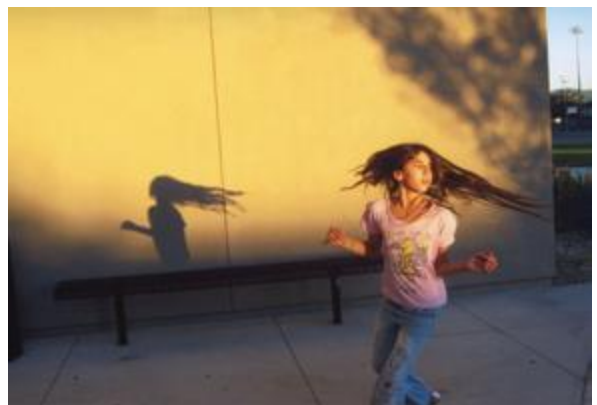
## I AM THE DREAM FOR MYSELF: Images by Refugee and Immigrant Youth

This exhibition included over 30 images created by displaced youth from around the world. The young photographers featured in this exhibition came to the United States between the years of 2005 and 2013 from the following countries: Afghanistan, Burma, Cambodia, Iraq, Jordan, Kenya, Mexico, Somalia, Sudan and Vietnam. Their images and statements offer a glimpse into their challenging experiences and share their thoughts, concerns and feelings related to having to leave their home country and begin building a new life in the United States.

This exhibition was a partnership project with the AjA Project, a San Diego-based non profit, which provides photography-based educational programming to refugee and displaced youth.

Amina from Kenya (age 15)

"In this picture I am wearing the skirt that I wore the day I left Kenya. This picture makes me feel happy."



Diana from Iraq (age 12)

"The first day of school was the worst day ever because I did not have any friends. Now I have lots and I know how to talk in English and nobody make fun."



## Photos from the Field: Work from F/STOP Participants

Each year, the Treetop Gallery features the curated photographic work of our F/STOP participants. F/STOP is our lifespan learning program, and offers free digital photography classes to Mariposa residents 55 years of age and older. In 2017, F/STOP's *Photos from the Field* exhibition included over 100 images of the natural world taken by F/STOP photographers enrolled in our 2016 classes. In addition to being exhibited at the Treetop Gallery, this exhibition traveled to the Mariposa County Library. More information about the F/STOP program can be found in the LEARN section of this report.

Photo by F/STOP participant Sharon Coolidge



## Young Masters Youth Exhibition: Self Portraits

Our annual Young Masters Youth Exhibition provides K-12 youth of Mariposa an opportunity to visually share their ideas, narratives and inspirations with their community, while offering gallery guests the chance to view the world from the perspective of youth. *Self Portraits* was the 2017 theme and exhibition title, and 168 young artists from all corners of Mariposa County participated in the exhibition.

Delena Gonzales, "Self Portrait"



Mariposa County High School students visit *Hand-to-Hand* after reading Tim O'Brien's The Things They Carried in English class.



Opposite Page: Local veterans talk with Ehren Tool.





"I hope that some of the cups can be starting points for conversations about unspeakable things...about war and its causes."

– Ehren Tool

## Hand-to-Hand: An Installation by Ehren Tool

Organized in partnership with the Keith M. Bertken Veterans of Foreign War Post 6042 this installation by Berkeley-based artist and Gulf War Marine Corps. veteran, Ehren Tool, was part of our continuing commitment to programming addressing equity, access and opportunity through projects that support veterans, active military and their families and are sensitive and responsive to their unique experiences. The installation of over 200 cups explored a wide spectrum of issues and concerns facing veterans and service people and included cups featuring the images, insignia, personal artifacts and prose of many local veterans. Upon the exhibition's close, cups from the installation were gifted to Mariposa's veterans and active duty service people.

In May, Ehren Tool visited Mariposa to meet with local veterans and the general public to talk about his process and facilitate conversation about his work while also making more individual cups for regional veterans.









## Tree Mortality: Local Artist Reflect

Over the past three years, Mariposa's beautiful forests have suffered tremendous loss as tens of thousands of trees have died as a result of California's drought, radically changing our county's vistas and landscapes. This dramatic change has not been lost on our region's artists and this exhibition provided an opportunity for them to reflect and share their

thoughts on this devastating ecological phenomenon.

Above: Linda Abbot, "Progression"

Opposite Page: Michelle Marco, "Living and Dying"



This special exhibition featured the work of Charlotte and David Hoffman, Patti and Malcolm McGregor, Ann and Ralph Mendershausen, and Lura Scwharz Smith and Kerby Smith recognizing both their individuality as artists and their unity as long-standing creative partners.



"I love this exhibition because it celebrates partners who have supported and cultivated each other's artistic voices and built creative expression into their marriages."

Arts Council Director, Cara Goger.

Mid-page: Work by Ralph and Ann Mendershausen. "Proud Tower" (Ralph) and "Sheepish" (Ann).









## EXHIBITION DATES

### **LANDMARK:**

#### ***Yosemite Through the Lens of Contemporary Landscape Photography***

Yosemite Museum —

November 18, 2016 - January 22, 2017

Merced County Arts Council's Multicultural Center —

April 10, 2017 - June 11, 2017

Mariposa County Arts Council's Treetop Gallery —

August 4 - November 26, 2017

SF Camerawork — December 7, 2017 - January 27, 2018

### ***I AM THE DREAM FOR MYSELF:***

#### ***Images by Refugee and Immigrant Youth***

December 9, 2016 - April 9, 2017

### ***Photos from the Field:***

#### ***Work from F/STOP Participants***

December 9, 2016 - April 9, 2017

### ***Young Masters Youth Exhibition: Self Portraits***

February 2 - 24, 2017

### ***Hand-to-Hand: An Installation by Ehren Tool***

May 1 - July 16, 2017

### ***Tree Mortality: Local Artist Reflect***

May 1 - July 16, 2017

### **UNION:**

#### ***Work from the Treetop Gallery's Married Artists***

December 14, 2017 - February 26, 2018

Opposite Page: Young Master self portraits from Sierra Foothill Charter School.

Above: Students visit the Young Masters exhibition and enjoy their work.

Below: Gallery guests at *Union's* opening reception.





Penny Otwell, "Manzanita Grove"

## FEATURED REGIONAL ARTISTS:

Linda Abbott

Trowzers Akimbo

Ryan Alonzo

Jackie Baxton

Phyllis Becker

Leonard Bullock

Becky Caraco

Tim DeWitt

Moira Donohoe

Anne Harris

Charlotte Hoffman

David Hoffman

Carol Johnson

Gary Langdon

Michelle Marco

Jeanne Moje MacDonald

Phyllis McAdams

Malcolm McGregor

Patti McGregor

Ann Mendershausen

Ralph Mendershausen

Saralynn Nusbaum

Akiko Oi

Penny Otwell

Jeannetta Phillips

Lori Setterberg

Fran Shell

Juanita Smith

Kerby Smith

Lura Schwarz Smith

LothLorien Stewart

Vicki Thomas

John Tomsick

Wei Zhang



# MARIPOSA STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

For 30 years, the Mariposa Storytelling Festival brought international and nationally renowned storytellers to Mariposa for three days of heartwarming tales from around the world, so it was with a very heavy heart that we made the tough decision to make 2017 our final festival...but, boy, did we send it off in style! In addition to the balloons, cake, songs, and a special brunch, tellers Bil Lepp, Marilyn McPhie, David Novak, Tim Tingle, Donna Washington and Kim Weitkamp created a celebratory atmosphere and riveted audiences with special stories dedicated to the festival's longtime Producer and Creative Director, Marilyn Rudzik.

Complementing the festival, our annual Story Slam provided an opportunity for novice and experienced tellers to try out their tales in an informal setting and a workshop offered by Kim Weitkamp gave serious tellers a chance to sharpen their skills.

As we bid farewell to the Storytelling Festival, all of us at the Arts Council would like to extend our deep gratitude to Mrs. Rudzik for gifting our community with high quality storytelling and a beautifully produced event for many many years. Her commitment to artistic excellence, accessible and affirming programming and attention to detail put Mariposa on the cultural map and we will enjoy the warm glow of Storytelling's legacy for years to come.

**In 2017, 2450 people enjoyed the festival, slam and workshop.**

Top Right: David Novak entertains a full house.

Mid-page: Marilyn Rudzik and some lucky students enjoy stories and a furry friend together.

Bottom: Coyote by Penny Otwell.



## DATES

### STORY SLAM

March 9, 2017

### MARIPOSA STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

March 10-12, 2017

### THE SCIENCE OF STORYTELLING WORKSHOP WITH KIM WEITKAMP

March 13, 2017



# MARIPOSA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Mariposa has the distinction of being the smallest town in the United States with its own symphony orchestra. Founded in 2002 by Music Director/Conductor Les Marsden, the 60+ member Mariposa Symphony Orchestra (MSO) performs a full season of concerts each year, and is the only symphony orchestra in Yosemite's 150-year history allowed to perform in the National Park, which it does annually.



In 2017, the MSO performed 5 concerts for approximately 1500 audience members.

## SPRING CONCERTS

**Mozart:** *Overture to Don Giovanni*

**Bloch:** *Schelomo, Hebraic Rhapsody*,  
featuring Special Guest Ira Lehn, Cello

**Rimsky-Korsakov:** *Scheherazade*,  
featuring MSO Concertmaster Sally Kintner

## INDEPENDENCE DAY SPECTACULAR! CONCERT

**Aaron Copland:** *Appalachian Spring*

**John Philip Sousa:** *King Cotton, Washington Post*,  
*The Liberty Bell, Semper Fidelis, The Stars and Stripes Forever*

**Edwin Eugene Bagley:** *National Emblem March*

**Frank White Meacham:** *American Patrol*

**John Stafford Smith:** *The Star Spangled Banner*

**Dudley Buck:** *Festival Overture on the American National Air*  
*"The Star-Spangled Banner"*

**Dr. Phillip Smith:** *Armed Forces Salute*





Opposite Page: The MSO performs at the Mariposa County Park Amphitheatre for the Independence Day Spectacular! Concert

This Page: All photographs courtesy of Michael McLane –

Above: The MSO performs Bloch's "Schelomo" with guest cello soloist Ira Lehn (foreground) in the Great Lounge of the Majestic Yosemite (Ahwahnee) Hotel, Yosemite National Park. Sunday, April 30, 2017.

Top Right: MSO violinists Rhonda Baker, Faith Rumm and Amy Yanagi. Mid-Page Right: MSO violinists and sisters Bekah and Lizah Fickling.

## 16TH SEASON OPENING CONCERT

**Dvořák:** *The Sixteen Slavonic Dances*

## FESTIVE HOLIDAY CONCERT

**Sir Edward Elgar:** *Variations on an Original Theme "Enigma," Opus 36*

**Louis Joseph Ferdinand Herold:** *Overture to the opera "Zampa"*

**Engelbert Humperdinck:** *Evening Prayer and Dream Pantomime from the opera "Hänsel und Gretel"*

**Ralph Vaughan Williams:** *Greensleeves Fantasy*

**Les Marsden:** *Sierra Christmas Party*

## DATES

### SPRING CONCERT

April 29, 2017 —  
Fiester Auditorium,  
Mariposa County High  
School, Mariposa

April 30, 2017 —  
Majestic Yosemite Hotel,  
Yosemite National Park

### INDEPENDENCE DAY SPECTACULAR! CONCERT

July 1, 2017 —  
Mariposa County Park  
Amphitheater

### 16TH SEASON OPENING CONCERT

October 21, 2017 —  
Fiester Auditorium,  
Mariposa County High  
School, Mariposa

### FESTIVE HOLIDAY CONCERT

December 16, 2017 —  
Fiester Auditorium,  
Mariposa County High  
School, Mariposa



# MARIPOSA THEATRE ALLIANCE

Our Mariposa Theatre Alliance (MTA) is an association of producing theatre artists formed to foster and promote theatre throughout Mariposa County.

**In 2017, the MTA staged two productions and entertained almost 500 audience members.**

## "TWELFTH NIGHT: SONG OF ILLYRIA"

Presented in partnership with Merced Shakespeare Festival, "Twelfth Night," one of Shakespeare's most popular comedies, was performed under the stars at the Mariposa County Amphitheater.

Above: "The Story" cast members during rehearsal

## "THE STORY"

Written and directed by Les Marsden, "The Story" is believed to be the first professionally-written, professionally-directed theatrical presentation of the Mariposa region's history. Intended to be a multiple-play cycle, this first installment of "The Story" creatively explores Mariposa's early history and chronicles the experiences and folklore of the region's native population up through the arrival of the first Europeans in the area to the mid-1850s and the establishment of many of Mariposa's settlements.

Featuring an ensemble cast, multi-media projection and original music, "The Story" unveiled Mariposa's history by tracing roots, bridging generations, and bringing to life stories of our land, people and county.

The Story was made possible in part from the California Arts Council's Artists Activating Communities grant.





## MTA DATES

### "TWELFTH NIGHT: SONG OF ILLYRIA"

September 23, 2017

September 24, 2017

### "THE STORY"

October 27, 2017

October 28, 2017

November 3, 2017

November 4, 2017

November 5, 2017



## MUSIC ON THE GREEN SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Every Friday and Saturday evening during the summer months, our Music on the Green Summer Concert Series brings live music to downtown Mariposa's outdoor Art Park. These free concerts are produced by Ronnie Sweeting and feature folk, bluegrass, rock,

jazz, reggae, country and world music bands hailing from the Sierra Nevada, Central Valley and San Francisco Bay Areas.

**In 2017, 4248 local and visiting concert-goers enjoyed these musical performances.**

Mid-page Left: Music on the Green audience. Mid-page Right: Good Medicine performs at Music on the Green.



## DATES/PROGRAM

June 2, 2017 — **Nicholas Lefler**

June 3, 2017 — **Soul Galaxy**

June 9, 2017 — **Hilltop Howlers**

June 10, 2017 — **Franklin and Friends**

June 16, 2017 — **Arroyo/Little Tiger**

June 17, 2017 — **Trance Mission Duo,**  
featuring **Stephen Kent and Beth Custer**

June 23, 2017 — **The GrassKickers**

June 24, 2017 — **Steve Johnson**  
& **Those Bobtones**

June 30, 2017 — **Green Machine**

July 7, 2017 — **Blue Skies Trio**

July 8, 2017 — **Danny Millsap Band**

July 14, 2017 — **Cottonwood Creek**

July 15, 2017 — **The Shakers**

July 21, 2017 — **The Trespassers**  
(Concert cancelled due to Detwiler Fire)

July 22, 2017 — **Mike Hammar and the Nails**  
(Concert cancelled due to Detwiler Fire)

July 28, 2017 — **Before Perils**

July 29, 2017 — **Saltwater**  
(Benefit Concert for the Victims of the Detwiler Fire)

August 4, 2017 — **Meltwater Bridge**

August 5, 2017 — **The Jespersons**

August 11, 2017 — **Bodie 601**

August 12, 2017 — **Cloudship**

August 18, 2017 — **Jeffery Kile Revue**

August 19, 2017 — **Bootstrap Circus**

August 25, 2017 — **Good Medicine**

August 26, 2017 — **Roger Perry Group**

Above: The Art Park packed with concert-goers enjoying the Music on the Green Summer Concert Series.





# LEARN

## EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

We know that arts engagement and art making benefit both children and adults significantly. We are proud to offer a variety of arts education and public programming for people of all ages and walks of life here in Mariposa.

Our arts education and lifespan learning programs have been developed to:

- Provide a variety of rigorous, quality art programming to people of all ages and socioeconomic levels across Mariposa County
- Connect our signature programs to a younger audience
- Bridge the distance between art, vocational pathways and academic subjects
- Create lifelong creative learning opportunities for people of all ages
- Develop meaningful partnerships with traditional and non-traditional partners both in and outside of Mariposa County

Above: Ann Mendershausen, "Coyote in a Kayak"









## ADULT ART PROGRAMS

These programs give adults an opportunity to create art and refine their skills in small groups under the guidance of a professional artist. Designed to be a fundraiser, these fee-based classes support our Artists in the Schools program. **This year almost 60 adults participated in these classes and workshops.**

This page (clockwise from top left):  
 Summer Art Camp participant, F/STOP participants enjoying a photo field trip to Hornitos, Brush Bar painting workshop at Chocolate Soup, and Summer Art Camp participants explore movement.

Opposite page (clockwise from the top):  
 SITE + VISION participants visiting Clarion Alley in San Francisco, Summer Art Camp participants making music and printmaking in the Artists in the Schools program.





## ARTISTS IN THE SCHOOLS



Artists in the Schools places trained teaching artists into all of Mariposa County's 5th grade classrooms for 10-week residencies. These artists have worked with their respective classroom teachers to develop an arts-infused, standards-aligned curricula that teaches art in concert with at least one other academic subject. The residencies provide in-depth, hands-on visual arts experiences that developed students' critical thinking and creative problem-solving skills while challenging students to transfer knowledge across traditional subject area boundaries.

**In the spring of 2017, this program was offered to every 5th grade classroom in Mariposa and five teaching artists worked with over 220 children and 9 classroom teachers.**





## CURRICULA

At Greeley Hill Elementary, Lake Don Pedro Elementary and Sierra Foothill Charter School teaching artist, Jackie Baxton, guided students as they created three-dimensional artwork (students created and compared both a molded and sculpted model of their own hand) while also applying lessons about measurement/data, geometry and anatomy/bone structure.

Mariposa Elementary School students worked with ceramic artist Phyllis Becker to examine chemical reactions and the (mathematically measurable) dynamic effect they have on the molecular and atomic structure of matter through the creation of whimsical ceramic pieces. Students participated in hands-on, individualized classroom instruction building pinch-pot creatures, slab pieces, coil structures and more.

At Yosemite Park Elementary and El Portal Elementary teaching artist Moira Donohoe had students create multimedia art books using paper marbling techniques, watercolors, block print, threading and more. Ms. Donohoe combined multimedia instruction with a broad understanding of the cultural, natural and historical interdependence of various art forms.

Woodland Elementary School worked with visual artist Bill Davis to examine elements of the artistic process including: the progression of art history, practicing left and right hemisphere flexible thinking, drawing, understanding systems of abstraction and exposure to art career opportunities.

Artists in the Schools is a partnership program with the Mariposa County Office of Education, El Portal Elementary, Greeley Hill Elementary, Lake Don Pedro, Mariposa Elementary, Woodland Elementary, Sierra Foothill Charter School and Yosemite Elementary. This program is supported in part by the California Arts Council's Artists in the Schools Engagement grant program.







## F/STOP

F/STOP is a lifespan learning program providing photography-based programs for senior citizens in Mariposa County. Participants learn how to use photography to express their identities, tell stories and share their connection to Mariposa. In 2017, the culminating event was a multi-sited public exhibition featuring the work created in these workshops.

On this page, images by F/STOP participants: Michele Mertens, Judy DeRosa, Larry Arnold and Mimi Jones.

The program supports research indicating that older adults have great capacity to learn new ideas and skills and that community-based art programs have lasting impact on seniors' physical and mental health.

F/STOP classes are offered in downtown Mariposa, Greeley Hill and at John C. Fremont Health Care District's Ewing Wing, a skilled nursing facility. Information about F/STOP's exhibitions can be found in the EXPERIENCE section of this report.

**In 2017, F/STOP served 75 participants.**





Image taken during F/STOP workshop at the Ewing Wing, a skilled nursing facility.

"In class we discussed the fundamentals of photography such as: contrast, pattern, and perspective. Trying new things such as riding the YARTS bus to Yosemite and learning how to send my images via email has dropped some of the techno anxiety I previously experienced. This basic information helped me to open my eyes wider and take in the gifts around me.

Being out in nature is one of my favorite things to do, so this class has pushed me to take some time for small local adventure. From walking around Bass Lake to wandering a path in Yosemite I find that photography awakens some deeper element of being present in the moment."

**Judy DeRosa aka Little Wing,  
Echota Cherokee Elder**



F/STOP participants and instructor, Jeannine Andre, on a photographic field trip.

**F/STOP is a partnership program with the County of Mariposa Department of Community Services, the Mariposa County Library and the John C. Fremont Health Care District and is generously supported by the California Arts Council's Local Impact grant program.**

# JUMP StArts

This special program is for probation youth living in Mariposa and is steeped in a growing body of academic research indicating that exposing youth to art promotes emotional intelligence, a greater sense of self-worth and critical thinking skills. This artist-in-residency program centers on visual literacy and art making and is designed to complement a strength-based counseling program focused on youth's strengths and interests. JUMP StArts is broken down into two components, art talks and creative projects, both of which focus on how artists use vantage points, lighting, composition, the elements of art and principles of design to communicate specific messages through their work.

Throughout the program participants work alongside trained teaching artists to develop and complete projects that explore identity, community and culture through the mediums of screen printing, mural work and photography. Additionally, participants visit the deYoung Museum (San Francisco), the Cantor Art Center (Stanford University) and the Oakland Museum of California to see specific exhibitions directly related to the curriculum.







Above: JUMP StArts visits *All Power to the People: The Black Panthers at 50* at the Oakland Museum of California.

Opposite Page: Artist Dave Kim gives JUMP StArts participants a tour of Oakland's murals.



In 2017, this program served the 16 youth living at Sierra Quest Academy Group Home.

This program is offered in partnership with Sierra Quest Human Services Foundation and is supported in part by the California Arts Council's JUMP StArts grant program.



Teller Donna Washington entertains students at Sierra Foothill Charter School.

## MARILYN RUDZIK STORYTELLERS IN THE SCHOOL

Before and after the Mariposa Storytelling Festival, the festival's featured tellers took part in the Marilyn Rudzik's Storytellers in the Schools program giving 25 outreach performances for 5255 students, 189 teachers and 163 adult audience members in 20 regional schools and community centers in Mariposa County, Madera County, Fresno County and Tuolumne County.



## SITE + VISION

New this year, this visual literacy/ field trip program is our first official program for high schools in Mariposa County. Offered in every high school in the county, **S I T E + V I S I O N** brings museum educators into the classroom to facilitate discussions focused on current exhibitions at major museums in Northern California. The discussions examine the ways artist communicate specific messages through artistic techniques and delve into the thematic work of curators. Students then travel to see the selected exhibition in person, experiencing the exhibition alongside museum education staff.

Finally, each student creates a reflection piece related to the exhibition. **In 2017, 125 high schools students participated in this program**, learning about and visiting either the *Walker Evans* exhibition at San Francisco Museum of Modern Art or *Revelations: Art from the African American South* at the deYoung Museum of Fine Art in San Francisco.

This is a partnership program with Mariposa County High School, Spring Hill Alternative High School, Coulterville High School, and Yosemite High School and is funded in part by the California Arts Council's Artist in the Schools Exposure grant program.





Opposite Page: Students from Coulterville High School at SF MOMA

Top Left: Mariposa County High School students at the deYoung.

Top Right: Coulterville High School students at SF MOMA.

## SUMMER ART CAMP

Each summer the Arts Council partners with the County of Mariposa Department of Parks and Recreation to provide visual arts, music and theatre programming, for youth enrolled in Parks and Recreation's Summer Day Camp. In 2017, our Summer Art Camp program served 83 youth ages 7-12 years of age.

Bottom Right: Theatre teaching artist, Bryan Starchman works with summer camp participants.





Music teaching artist, Adam Burns, records the vocal tracks with summer camp participants.

\*Of special note: Campers in Adam Burn's music workshop wrote and recorded the song "What's Waiting for Me" on instruments they made with recycled household items. They then decided to make the song available for purchase with all proceeds from the song going to support victims of the Detwiler Fire. For more information about this special project:

<http://www.mariposaartscouncil.org/music-and-art-summer-camp/>

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS/COMMUNITY OUTREACH



California Poet Laureate shares his poetry at Mariposa gathering spot, The Alley.

### AN EVENING WITH DANA GIOIA

This past July, Mariposa was treated to a visit by California State Poet Laureate, former Chairman of National Endowment for the Arts and the creator of Poetry Out Loud, Dana Gioia. The evening started with a Poetry Slam open to the public, followed by a reading by Gioia and concluded with a facilitated question and answer session. This special event was part of Gioia's mission to visit all 58 counties in California, a quest that has been documented in a pair of BBC Radio 3's Sunday Features (Mariposa is featured in the first piece, <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b096g5lk>).





## HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR AWARD

The Mariposa County Arts Council's Board of Directors annually selects one graduating senior who has shown serious interest in the arts and has dedicated him or herself to serving the community. The selected senior is given a cash award. In 2017, the Arts Council was pleased to give the award to Elinor Phillips in recognition of her volunteer work with local arts organizations, her academic and artistic achievements (she twice attended the California State Summer Schools for the Arts and is currently enrolled in the Film Department at Bennington College in Vermont). In her written application, Ms. Phillips stated, "after college I hope to produce independent films that are artistically significant and address the social issues facing my country, as well as my community."

## ROTARY ART & WINE FESTIVAL

For the third year in a row, the Arts Council partnered with the Mariposa Yosemite Rotary Club to help recruit and organize artists for the event. This year, we used this event as the venue for public programming attached to our Hand-to-Hand installation. Featured artist, Ehren Tool spent the day talking to veterans and the general public about his work and process while creating individual cups for attending veterans, active duty service people and military families.

## DISTRICT 2 ART SHOW

Held in Greeley Hill, this annual event features the work of artists living in Mariposa's geographically remote District 2 and the surrounding regions.

In 2017, 18 artists participated in this art show, which was attended by 123 individuals.

## PROGRAM STATS

In 2017 the Arts Council produced or provided:

1

traveling  
exhibition

7

temporary  
exhibitions

78

performances

184

classes

330

hours of programming in  
Mariposa's schools

**In total we supported 197 artists  
and our in-person participation  
reached 30,525.**

# 2017 MEMBERS

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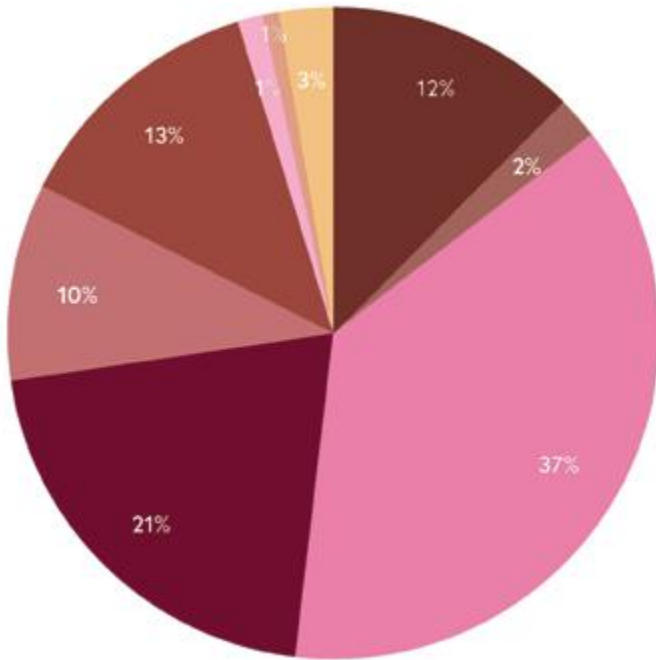
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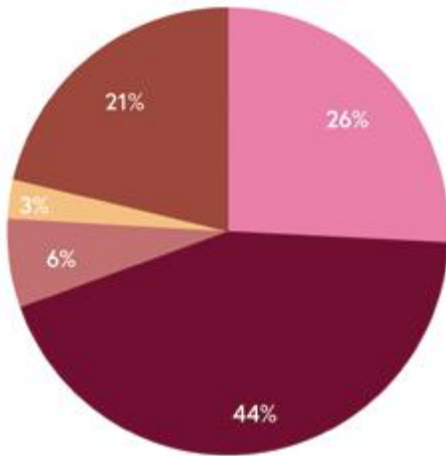
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FISCAL YEAR 2016/2017



## REVENUE

- Contributions 12%
- Membership 2%
- Grants 37%
- County Allocation 21%
- Sponsorships 10%
- Admissions 13%
- Program Fees 1%
- Gallery Sales 1%
- Other 3%



## EXPENSES

- Artist Fees 26%
- Staff 44%
- Overhead 6%
- Community Outreach 3%
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