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Mark Your Calendar for SpectorDance's 4th Annual *Oceans Arts Festival: Monterey!*

"Through creativity and the arts, we invite the whole community to join us in raising their shared voices for ocean health and the future of our planet."

Fran Spector Atkins, Founder of Ocean Arts Festival and Director of SpectorDance

FESTIVAL AT A GLANCE

When: Saturday, May 11, from 1:00 – 4 pm

Where: Monterey Museum of Art, 559 Pacific St, Monterey, CA 93940

What: A family-friendly event featuring ocean-themed visual and performing art created by artists under the age of 24. It brings together art and science, encourages youth to employ art for learning ocean issues through art the practice of art.

Goal: To celebrate the power of creativity to deepen understanding and inspire the next generation of ocean stewards

Cost: Free Admission

- See ocean-themed visual and performing art created by Monterey County young artists plus a special showing from SpectorDance's *Ocean Trilogy* and poetry by former Pacific Grove Poet Laurette Garland Thompson
- Learn about local art and science organizations through information tables and art activities lead by Hopkins Marine Lab, Pacific Grove Natural History Museum, Wester Flyer Foundation and the Arts Council for Monterey County
- Enjoy ocean-themed face painting by Lisa Ledin
- Join a Creative Movement Workshop about ocean diversity for children of all ages!
- Hear recorded keynote remarks by renowned ocean advocates: Dr. John Holdren (Harvard University) and Julie Packard (Monterey Bay Aquarium)
- Enjoy La Tormento Tacos on site!
- Explore the Monterey Museum of Art's latest Ocean exhibitions on this FREE admission day!
- & More

ABOUT THE OCEAN ARTS FESTIVAL

SpectorDance and the Monterey Museum of Art are thrilled to present our 4th annual *Ocean Arts Festival* at the Monterey Museum of Art on Saturday, May 11, 2024 from 1-4 pm. This event features ocean-themed visual and performing arts created by young artists. The festival aims to harness the power of creativity to promote a deeper understanding of ocean science and inspire commitments to ocean stewardship.

The first *Ocean Arts Festival* took place in 2019 at the SpectorDance Studio in Marina. The concept was borne from SpectorDance's *Ocean Trilogy*, a performance on a 10-year collaboration with the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute. Here is a link to a 2-minute video about the first *Ocean Arts Festival*: <https://vimeo.com/351456057>

SpectorDance's vision was for the *Ocean Arts Festival* to be an annual event that would grow and attract both young and professional artists in all genres from around the globe. With Covid-19, we were not able to present the *Ocean Arts Festival* in 2020 or 2021.

Since 2022, we have partnered with the Monterey Museum of Art to offer our 2nd, 3rd and our upcoming 4th annual *Ocean Arts Festival*.

Spector Atkins states, "*The Ocean Arts Festival is an annual celebration of the power of the arts to teach, inspire, and generate positive change in the world. Through multiple entry points, the festival fosters thought, conversation, and action, and stimulates participants to connect with artistic expression with their social and environmental impact.*"

She explains, "*The Ocean Arts Festival exemplifies SpectorDance's mission, 'Creating & Presenting dance that makes a difference' and vision, 'a world where everyone is connected, informed, & inspired through the beauty & power of dance.'*"

"The Ocean Arts Festival is a collective inviting everyone to participate. The Ocean Arts Festival is joyous and optimistic. Together we can create beauty and change. Join us to raise our shared voices for ocean health and climate action."

VIDEO KEYNOTE REMARKS

DR. JOHN HOLDREN was President Obama's chief Science Advisor and Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy from 2009 to 2017. Dr. Holdren is currently a research professor at Harvard University, and was formerly the Director of the Woods Hole Research Center and the Teresa and John Heinz Professor of Environmental Policy at Harvard. Among his numerous honors are the MacArthur Genius Prize (1981) and most recently the National Academy of Sciences Public Welfare Medal (2022).

JULIE PACKARD is the executive director of the Monterey Bay Aquarium, which she helped found in the late 1970's. She is an international leader in the field of ocean science conservation, and a leading voice for science-based policy reform in support of a healthy ocean.

2024 FEATURED OCEAN-THEMED WORKS

VISUAL ART

- Shelby Figueroa (California State University Monterey Bay)
- Delphinia, Tatianna and Venezia Hayward
- Shreya Singh (Seaside Highschool)
- Alexandra Burrs (Youth Arts Collective)
- Kenzie Thomas (Stevenson School)
- Carolina Hiltunen (Forest Grove Elementary School)
- Erin Ikemiya (Carmel High School)
- Charlie Hiltunen (Forest Grove Elementary))
- Noa Malikai Tiamson Martin Luther King School)
- Raha Monaiati (Youth Arts Collective)
- Iphagneia Wilder (Youth Arts Collective)
- Raven Cook (Youth Arts Collective)
- Michele Ferrari (Youth Arts Collective)
- Addison Bakes (Youth Arts Collective)
- Sumer Jordan (Individual Artist)
- Trinity Landers (Individual Artist)
- & More

PERFORMING ARTS

- Greenfield High School Mariachi Band (Matt Huot Director)
- Youth Music Monterey, Chamber Players, Brass Ensemble (Aleksey Klyushnik Director)
- Arcoiris Cultural Dance Company (Pillar Mendoza-Director)
- Sea Stars Puppetry Troup (Carmel High)]=
- Madi (Stevenson School) Dance
- Kenzie Thomas (Stevenson School) Dance
- Santa Catalina School (Gabrielle Edwards) Video
- Santa Catalina School (Hope Sallee) Poetry
- Original recorded music by Lucia Coppola
- & More

SCIENCE INFORMATION TABLES AND ART ACTIVITIES

- **Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History**, inspiring our diverse community to explore and conserve the natural and cultural wonders of the Central California Coast
- **Western Flyer Foundation**, stirring curiosity by connecting art and science in the spirit of John Steinbeck, Ed Ricketts, and their journey on the Western Flyer
- **The Hopkins Marine Station**, part of Stanford University, is dedicated to the study of marine biology and the conservation of marine ecosystems. It conducts cutting-edge

research on marine life, ocean health, and ecological sustainability, aiming to enhance our understanding and protection of the ocean's biodiversity.

- **Arts Council for Monterey County**, promoting the art/science connection and cross-disciplinary partnerships.
- **FathomVerse**, a mobile game designed to inspire a new wave of ocean explorers. In collaboration— MBARI, the Monterey Bay Aquarium, and more – we're creating a game that teaches casual gamers about ocean life and use of AI to identify marine animals.
- **Ocean Mandala Coloring with Lucia Coppola**, exploring the ocean's meditative capacity.

SPECIAL GUEST

GARLAND THOMPSON POET AND STORYTELLER



Garland is a passionate storyteller and poet, weaving narratives that resonate deeply with audiences. With a background in theater, film, and video, he brings a unique blend of creativity and artistry to his work. As a former Poet Laureate of Pacific Grove, California Garland has dedicated his career to celebrating the power of language and the beauty of storytelling. Whether through live performances, poetry slams, podcasts, or written verse, Garland strives to inspire, connect, and provoke thought. With his talent for crafting immersive experiences and his commitment to elevating voices from all walks of life, Garland continues to leave an indelible mark on the world of storytelling and poetry.

SPECTORDANCE COMPANY



SpectorDance Company will present excerpts from *Ocean Trilogy*. Inspired by interviews from renown ocean scientist, *Ocean Trilogy* looks at the challenges confronting our ocean today, and ways we might address these threats. *Ocean Trilogy* was created in partnership with the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute and has been performed at the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C., Sunset Center, Stanford University and many other venues statewide and nationally.

THE OCEAN ARTS FESTIVAL STEERING COMMITTEE

Fran Spector Atkins *Founder and Event and Performing Arts Coordinator*, Amy Byington *Marketing and Administration*, Lucia Coppola, (*Advisor, Composer, Poet,*) Darcie Fohrman *Advisor*, Maire McDermid *School and Visual Art Coordinator*, Ellen Martin *Event Planning and Visual Art Coordinator*, Dr. George Matsumoto (*Science Coordinator from MBARI*), Charlotte Katherine Smith (*Marketing and Social media*)

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MONTEREY *Ocean Arts* FESTIVAL

Featuring Ocean themed visual and performing art created by young artists.

Monterey Museum of Art

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May 11th, 2024

1-4pm

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Painting by: Adriana Garcia of Greenfield High School