



Art for the Ocean

*Celebrating the power of creativity to inspire
the next generation of ocean stewards!*

Saturday October 25, 2025 1-4 p.m.

At the YMCA of the Monterey Peninsula

600 Camino El Estero Monterey, California 93940

Calling All Young Artists!

The *Ocean Arts Festival* features original ocean-themed works of visual art, music, spoken word, theater, and dance created by artists under the age of 25.

Seeking young artists who have a passion for using their art for ocean health.

Three young artists who demonstrate ocean advocacy through actions, writing, and artistic excellence will be selected and receive a \$100 cash prize for the

Ocean Arts Leadership Award!

If you intend to apply, please fill out the linked [Intent to Apply Form](#) by June 5, 2025.

When you are ready to submit your application, [Apply Here](#)

Application Deadline: September 15, 2025

For more information visit [SpectorDance](#)

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION

WHO CAN APPLY

- Individuals under 25 years old or groups of that age range.
- Teachers and art instructors may apply on behalf of a group of students.
- One original work of visual art per person or by approval.
- Individuals are eligible regardless of race, gender, national origin, sexual orientation, and physical ability. SpectorDance is an equal opportunity organization.

VISUAL ART

- Must be approximately 11"x17" and framed or mounted on foam core for display on an easel.
- Work must be delivered to the YMCA of Monterey. Delivery time slots TBA.
- Work must be labeled (back or bottom) at time of drop-off.

PERFORMING ART

- Works must be 10 minutes or less or by approval.
- Music must be emailed as an MP3 or delivered on a thumb drive.
- Performing artists are required to attend a tech rehearsal date TBA. Artists will need to arrive on site 20 minutes before their scheduled tech time slot, which will be assigned. Specifics TBA.
- Artists are strongly encouraged to create original, ocean-themed performing art works: Songs, Music, Poetry, Dance, Spoken Word, Theater, Film, Other.

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

- Performing artists must be available for pre-event Tech Rehearsal date TBA.
- Artists must give SpectorDance permission to use any photographs or video footage taken at the Ocean Arts Festival.
- Artists are required to attend the whole event, to arrive before and/or stay after the event to assist with the set-up and clean-up of their art display or performance.
- Artists are encouraged to promote the event with family and friends.
- Artists are encouraged to follow SpectorDance on Facebook and/or Instagram.
- Sign liability waiver: neither YMCA nor SpectorDance are responsible for any damage to artwork that may occur during storage for, or display at, the festival.

Together, let's raise our shared voices for the future of our ocean and our planet!