



MONTEREY MUSEUM OF ART

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MONTEREY, CA (May 31, 2026) —

Monterey Museum of Art Raises Over \$420,000 at Annual Patrons' Dinner, Celebrating Community Philanthropy and the stories of California art

200 donors and sponsors gathered on April 11 for the Museum's annual Patrons' Dinner—and the Museum continues to welcome gifts as it approaches the close of its fiscal year, June 30, 2026.

Monterey Museum of Art (MMA) is pleased to announce the success of its 2026 Patrons' Dinner, held on Saturday, April 11, 2026, as part of the Museum's annual Block Party weekend. The event brought together 200 generous donors, local business sponsors, and community champions whose collective philanthropic commitment exceeded \$420,000 in support of the Museum's *Art Connecting Community* initiatives.

The Patrons' Dinner is the Museum's signature fundraising appreciation event and a cornerstone of MMA's relationship with the philanthropic community that makes its mission possible. This year's gathering cheered the Museum's ongoing work to inspire creativity, connect communities, and celebrate the stories of California art—including the 4th annual Block Party, a free, family-friendly community celebration held the same day with over 3,500 visitors.

"The generosity of our patrons and sponsors is what allows Monterey Museum of Art to be a vital resource for this region. MMA is truly a place where art connects communities. We are profoundly grateful for every gift, and we are deeply moved by the enthusiasm this community continues to show for our mission."

— Corey Madden, Executive Director, Monterey Museum of Art

The Museum is deeply grateful to the Patrons' Dinner Co-Chairs whose vision and dedication helped to make the event an outstanding success. The Museum also



extends its gratitude to the Spring Fundraiser Host Committee and its Board of Trustees for their steadfast advocacy and support. MMA offers a warm thank you to all volunteers, donors, and business sponsors for their generosity and continued support.

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SUPPORT MMA BEFORE FISCAL YEAR END

The Monterey Museum of Art is still actively accepting gifts as it approaches the close of its fiscal year. Year-end contributions play a vital role in sustaining MMA's exhibitions, educational programming, and free community events like the Block



Party. Donors who wish to make a tax-deductible gift before the fiscal year closes are encouraged to act soon.



To make a gift or learn more about supporting MMA, visit montereyart.org/give or contact the Museum's Advancement office directly at membership@montereyart.org











Block Party Guests and Volunteers

Land and People Acknowledgement

Monterey Museum of Art (MMA) extends its respect to the Esselen and Rumsen/Rumsien Ohlone Tribes, on whose ancestral homeland the Museum stands. MMA also recognizes the Chalon, Mutsun, and Salinan Tribes, whose unceded lands encompass much of what is now Monterey County. In alignment with our mission to celebrate the diversity of California art—past, present, and future, MMA acknowledges and honors these communities, who have cared for and cultivated the Monterey Peninsula for millennia.

The Museum recognizes that our collection and exhibitions are inherently tied to the Indigenous land on which they were created, as California's landscape has long served as inspiration for generations of artists and creatives. MMA honors the Chalon, Esselen, Mutsun, Rumsen/Rumsien Ohlone, and Salinan Tribes—alongside all California tribes, past, present, and future—for their enduring connection and lasting impact on our shared lands and waters.

To learn more about the Indigenous lands we inhabit, visit <https://native-land.ca/>.

ABOUT MONTEREY MUSEUM OF ART

Monterey Museum of Art inspires creativity, connects communities, and celebrates the stories of California art. Located at 559 Pacific Street in Monterey, California, MMA is the region's premier visual arts institution and a steward of California's rich artistic



heritage. The Museum presents rotating exhibitions, year-round public programs, and community events that bring art to life for residents and visitors alike. For more information, visit montereyart.org.

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