

CALIFORNIA ARTS COUNCIL 50th ANNIVERSARY



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Since our founding in 1976, the CAC has been a steadfast champion of creativity, access, and equity. By investing in over 15,000 nonprofit arts organizations, the Arts Council has helped fuel cultural vitality, educational opportunity, community development, and economic growth across California. Our support has strengthened K–12 arts education, empowered local community to thrive, and positioned the arts as powerful tools for resilience, belonging, and innovation.

Today, California’s arts sector is a dynamic force shaping the state’s economy, workforce, identity, and innovation. At a time when artistic expression is increasingly under threat, the CAC stands firm in its mission: ensuring every Californian has access to the transformative power of the arts.

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Our 50th anniversary provides a rare opportunity to honor our founding trailblazers, celebrate California’s leading artists and arts organizations, and recommit to our bold vision for the next 50 years.

To mark the occasion, the CAC will host a high-profile awards ceremony in 2026, in Sacramento, recognizing ten outstanding artists, arts organizations, and civic leaders. This landmark event will bring together elected officials, cultural leaders, and community voices to celebrate the past and shape the future.

Alongside this event, a yearlong series of activities will showcase the CAC’s enduring impact through an interactive timeline, statewide events, and storytelling that lifts up the voices of former Council members, grantees, and communities served.

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The Council has committed to funding this celebration entirely through private contributions — no public dollars will be used. This ensures that every gift directly supports a powerful, once-in-a-generation moment for California’s arts sector.

By making a personal, tax-deductible contribution and inviting your networks to do the same, you will help ensure the success of this historic celebration. Public acknowledgment will be given to all donors, underscoring your leadership and commitment to the arts.

With your support, we can showcase the CAC’s history as a testament to the power of the arts — and reinforce California’s role as a national leader in creativity, equity, and cultural innovation.

This anniversary is more than a milestone; it is a call to action. Together, we can ensure that the next fifty years of the California Arts Council are even more impactful, inclusive, and visionary.



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Platinum	\$5K-\$9,999	Acknowledgment from the podium during the ceremonies, premier billing on donor wall and in program, and VIP Seating
Gold	\$2,500-4,999	Premier billing on donor wall and in program and website, and VIP Seating
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I am donating to the CAC 50th Anniversary Celebration Fund

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