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About Fresno Arts Council

The Fresno Arts Council (FAC) is a private, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established in 1979 under the name of the “Alliance for the Arts” by local artists, arts organizations and interested individuals who wished to create a voice for the arts in the Central San Joaquin Valley.

Mission and History

Our mission is to “enrich peoples lives through the arts.”

Our purpose is to foster an arts community that recognizes and honors the contributions of its citizens to the arts; advocate to city, county, state and national institutions on issues of concern to valley artists; collaborate with community leaders, businesses, corporations, foundations and other arts organizations to bring artists and audiences together.

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Welcome

Welcome to our Fifth Annual “Dining with the Artists” Dinner

The Fresno Arts Council would like to thank you for your support. Your contributions allow us to continue our programs of:

1. Sponsoring ArtHop on the first and third Thursday of every month;
2. Administering the A to Z tax initiative funds to non-profit arts and cultural organizations in the City of Fresno;
3. Being the consulting agency with the City and County of Fresno in their public Art policies;
4. Advocating for artists and arts and cultural organizations in Central California;
5. Installing artwork for exhibitions on the first and second floors of City Hall every month; and
6. Providing an online marketing platform for artists and art and cultural organizations and a centralized art events calendar to our community through our website, FresnoArts.net and FresnoArtHop.org.

**From the Staff and the Board of Trustees,
thank you for your continued support to the Fresno Arts Council.**

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Bob Kliss – Glass Artwork

Take home this classic designed vase titled, “Botanical Series” in Aqua/Olive Green with Mango Statement. Created by our local artist Bob Kliss who is national recognized as a premier artist.

Donated by: Bob Kliss

Value: \$350

Trelios Restaurant in Clovis

Use this \$200 Gift Certificate during the holiday season or any time during the year. Don't miss out on this opportunity to experience fine dining at this well-known restaurant.

Donated by: Trelios Restaurant

Value: \$200

One-Year Fitness Membership

Getting back into shape after the holiday season just became a little easier. Enjoy your One-year Fitness Membership to help start you onto your life changing goals.

Donated by: San Joaquin Valley Rehab Hospital

Value: \$600

Dinner Party for Ten in Your Own Home

Just in time for the holidays. Bid on this scrumptious dinner party in your own private home. Patty Ochinero Catering will come to your home and provide your guests with an evening to remember. Don't let this dinner package pass you by.

Donated by: Patty Ochinero

Value: \$500

Paul Mullins-Photograph

This impressive artwork can be yours tonight – a wonderful addition to your home. Title: Last Light on the Merced, 36”x48” - Edition No. 4 of 50.

Donated by: Paul Mullins

Value: \$1300

2010 CSU Summer Arts

Between June 27 and July 24 over 25 artist events will be featured as part of the Summer Arts Festival. The lucky winner of this auction item receives eight tickets to be redeemed for the events of their choice.

Donated by: CSU Fresno Summer Art

Value: \$200

Valley Public Radio-KVPR

It's your opportunity to get the word out – bid on this package for eight personal or business radio announcement of your liking. Along with this package, provide your holiday guests with a special Sierra Nut House Gift Basket.

Donated by: Valley Public Radio-KVPR

Value: \$300

Walker-Lewis Rentals

Just in time for the holiday! Enjoy this \$200 Gift Certificate for party rentals to entertain your guests in style during the holidays or any time during the year.

Donated by: Walker-Lewis Rentals

Value: \$200

Lively Arts Foundation

Enjoy four premium tickets to Central Califora Ballet's presentation of "The Nutcracker" featuring guest soloists from American Ballet Theatre II and the San Francisco Opera Ballet at the William Saroyan Theatre at 7:30 pm on Saturday, December 19, 2009.

Donated by: Lively Arts Foundation

Value: \$200

Dinner at the Hallowell's for Ten

Spend a special evening at Coke and James Hallowell's home nestled in the foothills above the Valley. A sumptuous dinner and gorgeous sunset await you in their home filled with art collected from around the world.

Donated by: James and Coke Hallowell

Value: \$750

Eye-Q-Vision Designer Glasses

Start the New Year with designer eye wear. Be the first to wear new designer glasses in your crowd. Use your \$600 Gift Certificate to get classy glasses you have been waiting to purchase.

Donated by: Eye-Q-Vision

Value: \$600

Traditional Mexican Dinner for Eight

Enjoy a traditional Mexican dinner prepared by Franco. Start with a glass of wine, followed by spicy tequila Marias topped with whole shrimp. Begin your dinner with Sabeche tostada, Albondigas Soup, Special Enchilada, Steak ala Mexicana, Rice, Beans, Guacamole, home made salsa and chips. Special Mexican dessert and coffee, all served at Joyce Aiken's beautiful home looking over the golf course.

Donated by: Franco

Value: \$600

Program

Fifth Annual Dining with the Artists

The Downtown Club November 6, 2009

- 6:00** **No Host Cocktails**
- 7:30** **Dinner prepared by Chris Shackelford
The Downtown Club**

**Welcome Message
By Cynthia Dunn
Executive Director**

**Introduction of Board Members
By Patrick Boyd
Board President**

**Introduction of Artists
By Cynthia Dunn
Executive Director**

**Live Auction
By Dr. Jackie Ryle**

**Entertainment
Gina Lenee Perkins
Michael L. Medrano
Jazz by Papa Bear**

Artists

Michael Luis Medrano

Michael is the author of *Born in the Cavity of Sunsets* (Bilingual Press 2009); his first book of poetry. He holds an MFA in creative writing from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. Medrano has performed his work at Stanford University, the Loft Literary Arts Center in Minneapolis and the University of Colorado, Boulder. He served as poetry editor for the literary journal, *Flies, Cockroaches & Poets*, and is featured on the Spoken Word CD, *"The Central Chakrah Project"* (Metamorfosis Productions), and has taught writing workshops in Fresno and Minneapolis. Once again based in Fresno, Medrano is teaching and is the host of *Pakotelas*, a literary radio show on KFCF 88.1 FM. He is currently at work on a novel and a second collection of poetry.

Sue Sampson-Dalena

Sue has a passion for dance. Since 1982, she has been the Owner/Artistic Director of The Dance Studio of Fresno, and Co-Owner of the Dave Studio 2. The studios have attracted thousands of dancers from throughout the State of California and especially from the Central Valley. Sue is currently the KMPH Fox-26 Local Expert Commentator for Season 6 of "So You Think You Can Dance." During her career, she choreographed for the San Francisco 49ers and the Sacramento Kings Cheerleaders, as well as various other profession sporting events. Sue has served as the Director and Choreographer for the Miss California Pageant for nine years. In recent years, she has trained and mentored numerous students who have achieved notable success in the dance world. To name a few, Jason Glover was recently featured as one of the Top 8 dancers on the 2009 season of "So You Think You Can Dance." Gina Starbuck has appeared in the LA Company of the Broadway hit "Wicked," as well as "Bring It On 5" in 2008. Allysa Shorte sang and dances on "Dance Wars" and also appeared in "High School Musical 3."

Jacqueline Doumanian

Jacqueline attended California State University, Fresno (CSUF), receiving both her B.A. and M.A. degrees in art. In 1974 she helped co-found Gallery 25 where she served as an active member for many years. Jacqueline designed and implemented an arts program for the City of Fresno for elementary schools and taught art at both State Center Community College and CSUF. From 1979 to 1992, she owned and operated, with her husband Ray, *Not Just Paper*, a successful retail business that garnered her two Distinguished Women in Business awards. Jacqueline has participated in numerous solo and group exhibitions in Fresno and has shown at group shows in Sacramento, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Chico and Chicago. Recently, she was included in the exhibition "*A Studio of Their Own*" at the Phebe Conley Gallery at CSUF that celebrated the 40th anniversary of the *Feminist Art Experiment*. She also participated on the artists' panel at the Fresno Art Museum in conjunction with that exhibit.

Live Auction

Dinner on the Bluff for Eight

Taste fine wines on the patio of Joyce Aiken's home overlooking the San Joaquin Golf Course. View artwork collected over the last 30 years and watch the Sunset as you continue the evening with a delicious dinner.

Donated by: Joyce Aiken

Value: \$600

A Round of Golf for Four

Enjoy the beautiful Copper River Country Club while playing a round of golf for four. This special treat includes the use of two golf carts on any Tuesday through Friday, sleeve of balls and lunch.

Donated by: Copper River Country Club

Value: \$350

Lively Arts Foundation

Special evening of the Lively Arts' presentation of *Break! The Urban Funk Spectacular* from New York City. Four premium tickets at the William Saroyan Theatre at 7:30 pm on Saturday, March 20, 2010.

Donated by: Lively Arts Foundation

Value: \$200

Lively Arts Foundation

Enjoy Lively Arts' presentation of "*Dance Theatre of Harlem Ensemble*" for four premium tickets at the William Saroyan Theatre at 7:30 pm on Friday, February 5, 2010.

Donated by: Lively Arts Foundation

Value: \$200

Painting by Kristen Garneau

Kristen is a well known bay area artist. Her framed 6½"x8½" painting, "Fields at Casa de Fruita" is oil on canvas. Her inspiration came from this beautiful well-known spot.

Donated by: Kristen Garneau

Value: \$750

Fresno Art Museum Sustaining Membership

This membership for one entitles you to free admission to the Fresno Art Museum to all of the opening receptions, discounts to special events and entrance to 13 additional museums through a reciprocal membership to the Western Association of Museums.

Donated by: Fresno Art Museum

Value: \$250

Joel Pickford

Joel is an award-winning photographer, filmmaker and author based in California's San Joaquin Valley. His photographs have graced the pages of Black & White magazine and are found in many public and private collections, including the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Portland Art Museum, Ogden Museum of Southern Art, Fresno Art Museum, the University of Oregon Museum of Art, and the Weston Gallery. Joel's documentary film, *Master of Light* (2000), aired on PBS stations throughout the country. He is co-author of *California Light* (The Press at California State University Fresno, 1998), the first art book ever to combine digital photographic reproduction with six-color hexachrome printing. Following ten years of extensive reading, travel, film work, and photography in Southern Louisiana, Joel produced an exhibition entitled *Le Monde Créole*, which premiered in the summer of 2007 at the Fresno Art Museum and traveled to the Centro Fotografico Manuel Alvarez Bravo in Oaxaca, Mexico in January 2008. For the past five years he has been photographing, researching and writing about the Hmong culture of central California and northern Laos with funding from the James Irvine Foundation and California Council for the Humanities. A photographic exhibition based on this work will premiere in 2012 at the Fresno Metropolitan Museum. In May, 2009, Joel completed an interdisciplinary masters degree in Documentary Media and Southeast Asian Studies at California State University Fresno, where he has also taught as a full-time lecturer in photography. The Hmong project served as his thesis.

Stefani Booroojian

Stefani remains one of the most recognizable names in KSEE 24 News history. Stefani feels fortunate to be part of such a rich broadcasting tradition in her hometown. She has been with KSEE 24 for 25 years bringing the news to Valley viewers. Over that span of time she has witnessed and reported on tremendous changes and events in the Central Valley. While monitoring the daily news Stefani's number one responsibility, watching out for people's health and well women's health issues remains critical. She has been instrumental in bringing KSEE 24's Buddy Check program to the Central Valley. Stefani brings award winning experience to the news team with significant community and industry recognition. She received two Emmy's and a distinguished Media Service Award from Fresno State University. She hosts a monthly ArtHop information spot.

Juan Arambula

Juan is a prominent California State Assemblymember in the 31st District. He is a self-taught photographer who seeks the unique and unusual in his subject matters. Since his election in 2004, Arambula has chaired and served on a number of committees. Currently, he is the Chair of Budget Subcommittee on State Administration and is serving on the Education, Water, Parks and Wildlife, and Local Government committees. He has been named "Legislator of the Year" by both the California Small Business Association and the California Association for Local Economic Development. He graduated with high honors from Harvard University, and went on to earn a Master's Degree in Educational Administration and Policy Analysis from Stanford University and a law degree from the University of California, Berkeley. Arambula is the son of immigrant farm workers. In his youth, he harvested crops with his family throughout California from which arose his commitment to improve the living conditions of those around him. Assemblymember Arambula lives in Fresno with Amy, his wife of 30 years. He has four adult children-Joaquin, Carmen, Diego, and Miguel and his grandson, Izel.

Gina Lenee Perkins

It is said that hearing an artist's music can give you a glimpse into their soul. If this is true, then experiencing Gina's music reveals a passion for art and a talent that truly is a gift. Born and raised in Madera, Gina began playing the piano "by ear" at the tender age of four. Realizing their daughter's talent, her parents began private lessons where she received classical training. Even then, she enjoyed spending hours composing her own songs. She soon began performing at school, church and community functions. Throughout her life, Gina has been fortunate enough to work for some amazing nonprofit organizations in the Central Valley. She used the release of her CD's as an event to benefit Wish Upon A Star and Fresno Youth Advocates. She has created four memorable CD's, *From the Heart*, *Moments With You*, *Holiday Wishes* and *Lullaby Collection*. Her CD's *From the Heart* and *Moments With You* are deeply personal recordings. For Gina, her role as a composer is more profound and fulfilling than that of a musician. Gina's greatest joys are her daughters Jaclyn and Gina and her husband, local businessman Dennis Perkins, owner of The Brownie Baker.

Ole Scovill

Ole, a native of the country of Laos, graduated with a BA degree in Visual Art from a prominent University in Thailand in 2000 and came to the US in 2004. Her thesis was a study of women in the sex trade in Thailand and Laos, and was displayed at the Northern Illinois University in 2005. Ole's current sources of inspiration are music, dance and people. Her artwork is frequently displayed locally at the Chris Sorenson's Studio, the Love Song Gallery, and the Strands hair salon and gallery; and she participated in the Foot Fetish Show in downtown Fresno. Her work has also been shown in the Mission Cultural Center for Latino Arts in San Francisco and the 2008 "My Butterfly" show in Long Beach. Most recently, Ole showed five pieces in two different shows at the Climate/Gallery in Long Island, New York and another at the Book About Death show at the Emily Harvey Foundation Gallery in New York City. The Book About Death exhibition is being shown at many museums and galleries across the country, including the Museum of Modern Art and the Queens Museum of Art in New York.

Lance Canales

Lance was born and raised in the southern foothills of California's Central Valley where he literally lived the life so many folk and blues artists have written songs about since the birth of roots music, hard labor, one room shacks and taunting ghosts whispering of a better life, owning nothing but the music in your head. It would take years for Canales to connect his history to his own sound-branded "Native Americana" by fans-tuning down his smooth yet gravelly vocals, compared to the likes of music legends Tom Waits and Greg Brown. In 2003 Canales began changing his musical course when he teamed up with blues guitarist Ben Cline to form the acoustic duo Inyana. The debut CD, "The Path," was released in 2004 from Canales' independent label, "Black Oak Records." Canales recorded his first solo CD in 2008, "These Hands" was released in 2008. Northern Ireland also welcomed him in August of 2009 at the Belfast Blues Festival. In Fresno he was played with the "The Lance Canales Trio." A rich new sound developed, complimenting Canales' already poetic and personal songwriting skills. Lance Canales and The Flood, his present group, is working on a new album for a tour in Fall 2010.

Kristen Garneau

Kristen Garneau is a Bay Area artist who has been making and showing her work for over 40 years. To date, her art has been exhibited mostly in California and Montana. After studying at the California College of Arts and Crafts in Oakland in the 1960s where Kristen was hugely influenced by abstract expressionism, she continued to experiment with paint. Currently, Kristen is exploring the possibilities of the intimacies of early Rembrandt and Caravaggio as well as the late nineteenth century French paintings. This marks the birth of her appreciation for the physical satisfaction of old-master paintings, their sensuous surfaces and subtle glazes. Kristen's paintings speak with subtle colors, the changing hues of the in-between seasons and of long rural days.

Paul Mullins

From early childhood the artist in Paul was encouraged by his mother Betty who was an art teacher. He attended Art Center College of design in a special program for high school students for two years and worked as graphic artist while attending Santa Ana J.C. and Fullerton College. Paul started a graphic design firm in Newport Beach in 1975 and worked in Southern California until 1980. In 1990 Mullins Studio added photography as a service and it has evolved into 90% of the studio's work. Paul works with the ultra-high resolution medium format Hasselblad H3DII digital camera to capture the subtle detail and beauty of the natural world. His creative approach to the principles of design, color and composition give his images a powerful sense of wonder and glory. You can see his work on display throughout the year at Paul's downtown Gallery in the Cultural Arts Building located at 1416 Broadway Street (& Tuolumne). His photos have appeared in Sierra Press Book, Yosemite Sierra Visitors Guide, Sunset Magazine, Valley Views Magazine, Fresno Magazine, How Magazine, The Ultimate in Graphic Designer's and Illustrator's Self-Promotion book. As well as receiving numerous awards his landscape images have been selected for use in over 16 various calendars.

Ramiro Martinez

Born in Fresno into a family of 12 children, Ramiro worked as a farm laborer when he was young. On breaks he would carve into rocks various forms and shapes to bury in the ground and imagine future societies to eventually unearth his youthful attempts at forming a worthy tribute to life. He earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the San Francisco Art Institute where he studied painting and sculpture. Ramiro's artwork has been exhibited in cities throughout California. Locally his artwork has been shown in the Berkeley Building on the Fulton Mall, Broadway Studios, Taylor Teeter Architect Firm, Hemisphere Furniture, Lasgoity Winery in Madera, Lerhman and Association Law Firm in Los Angeles, and Karl Lopez Gallery in Santa Cruz.

Donald Monroe

Donald covers arts and culture for The Fresno Bee, where he has worked since 1991. Before that he was entertainment editor at the Anchorage Times. Donald has a Bachelor's degree in journalism from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and a Master's degree from the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism. In 2002-2003, he was a mid-career fellow with the National Arts Journalism Program at Columbia. Donald was a participant in National Endowment of the Arts institutes in music and musical theater at the University of Southern California, and in classical music and opera at Columbia. He lives with his partner, Shane Moreman, in Fresno.