



Arbolito, Jet Martinez, acrylic on wood, 2023

VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITIONS

Free Admission

UN PUENTE SOBRE EL RÍO SAN JUAN: A STORY OF BORDERS

September 6 – November 10, 2024

Featuring San José-based artists, Irene Carvajal and Imara Osorno, this exhibition examines the overlooked conflict between Nicaragua and Costa Rica's border along the San Juan River. Their collaborative work transcends divisions through painting, video, and site-specific installation.

MÍRAME

December 6, 2024 – March 9, 2025

Abby Aceves (Los Angeles), Tiffany Alfonseca (New York), Ruby Bloo (San José), Monica Hernandez (New York), and Elba Raquel (San José) examine how cultural beliefs have shaped and constrained women's roles. Through painting and mixed media, the transformative power of breaking societal confines celebrates a collective movement towards liberation.

2025 LATINX ART NOW!

April 4 – May 17, 2025 | **Live Auction: May 17, 2025**

This annual curated exhibition is a survey of the very best of contemporary Latinx Art from the Bay Area and beyond. Artists' work reflects contemporary issues, themes, and perspectives that draw in the broader community. Public programs include artists' talks and panels on art collecting. The seven-week exhibition culminates in an art auction, MACLA's signature fundraising event.

JET MARTINEZ SOLO SHOW

June 6 – August 10, 2025

An influential figure in Bay Area public art, Oakland-based artist Jet Martinez is known for creating vibrant works of art that engage the traditions of Mexican folk art with contemporary aesthetics. This exhibition presents new work and takes inspiration from his native culture's rich traditions, mixing ornate patterns and abstract forms to examine the passage of time.

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Martha Gonzalez. PHOTO: PABLO AGILAR

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RIDING THE CURRENTS OF THE WILDING WIND

September 27 - 29, 2024

San José premiere of *Riding the Currents of the Wilding Wind*, created by musical director Martha Gonzalez of the GRAMMY Award winning band Quetzal, in collaboration with Alpert Award winning interdisciplinary artist Virginia Grise and directed by Kendra Ware. Stories and songs from the epic novel *Their Dogs Came with Them* by Helena María Viramontes.

A CONVERSATION WITH KARLA CORNEJO VILLAVICENCIO

Moderated by journalist Jose Antonio Vargas

November 14, 2024

MACLA is excited to host National Book Award finalist, Karla Cornejo Villavicencio, at San José's City Hall Rotunda to discuss her new novel, *Catalina*, a coming-of-age story drawing from her own experience as an undocumented person and Harvard graduate. The conversation will be moderated by Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, Jose Antonio Vargas, author of best-selling memoir, *Dear America*. Karla Cornejo Villavicencio will sign books at this event.

ESTO NO TIENE NOMBRE

March 21 - 23, 2025

A one-woman show that centers the oral histories of Latina lesbian elders. Written and performed by poet Denice Frohman, the play is told through a series of vignettes that traces lineages of Latina lesbian activism, expression, and desire. Guided by first person stories from pre-Stonewall police raids in Philadelphia to first kisses, *Esto No Tiene Nombre* places Frohman in conversation with a myriad of elders to explore their interiority and her own. In other words: how we love, who we love, and how we survive.

SOUTH FRIDAYS AT MACLA

Join MACLA on the First Friday of each month as we extend our gallery hours and bring our black box theater, The Castellano Playhouse, to life. Experience an eclectic mix of live performances, featuring everything from Afro-Latinx soul music and Cumbia to Bomba and drag shows. Whether you're an art enthusiast, a live performance lover, or just looking for an unforgettable evening in downtown San José, MACLA's First Fridays are where you want to be.



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FAMILY PROGRAMS

BLACK FAMILY DAY

February 22, 2025
Black Family Day is organized in partnership with the Black Leadership Kitchen Cabinet. It celebrates African/African Ancestry Health and Heritage Month and will feature public health program booths, arts and entertainment for the whole family.

¡WEPA! FEST - Celebrating Puerto Rican Music & Culture

June 13, 2025
MACLA and San Jose Jazz team up to bring a vibrant celebration of Puerto Rican music and culture. Join us for an unforgettable festival at Parque de Los Pobladores (in front of MACLA).

WORKSHOPS

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Karla Cornejo Villavicencio. PHOTO: TALYA ZEMACH-BERSIN



Denice Frohman. PHOTO: NEAL SANTOS



YOUTH PROGRAMS

TEEN TECH CENTER AT MACLA

The Teen Tech Center at MACLA is dedicated to mentoring South Bay youth (ages 10-19) in technical and social skill development through digital and traditional art forms including movie production, music, illustration, stop motion animation, photography, podcasting and curating art installation. In addition, Pathways program focuses on skill development with college and career readiness to close the wage and representation gaps in the workforce. Our program is free.

For more information and to fill out an application please visit maclaarte.org/programs/ttc

PATHWAYS WORKSHOPS

October 22, 2024 – May 22, 2025

Workshops will take place Tuesdays and Thursdays and require commitment throughout the year. Participants gain additional filmmaking experience, college and career readiness skills and are eligible to apply for a paid internship for the Summer of 2025. The age requirement is 15–18 years old.

FALL 2024

INTRO TO STREET PHOTOGRAPHY

September 11 – September 25, 2024

Explore downtown San José and learn how to take captivating street photos. Selected photos will be featured in the *This is San José* youth exhibition from October 4 – December 6, 2024, and published in a zine. Group meets every Wednesday.

SPOOKY FILM CLUB

October 9 – October 30, 2024

Make spooky movies throughout the month of October. The film club culminates on October 30 with a costume party and movie screening. Join us on Wednesday, Thursday, and Fridays.

PODCASTING AND AUDIO PRODUCTION

November 13 – December 13, 2024

Create a podcast and learn about writing, interviewing, audio production, and engineering.

SPRING 2025

A25 FILM CLUB

February 3 – March 28, 2025

Learn how to create films using professional equipment, build a portfolio, submit your work to competitions and screenings. Film club meets on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4–7 PM.

CREATOR STUDIO SESSIONS

April 7 – May 30, 2025

Experience the various resources the TTC at MACLA has to offer in an open-lab environment. Youth can work on their own projects, including digital art, photography, filmmaking, and music creation.

SUMMER 2025

A25 SUMMER FILM CLUB

June 16 – June 27, 2025

Join our summer film club intensive. Study techniques and filmmaking practices and learn how to incorporate them into a 2 – 3-minute movie. Summer film club meets Monday through Friday from 12 – 5 PM.



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