

## Support Marin's 97 year old treasure!

For 97 years, Marin Society of Artists has been a beacon for creativity and community, with a base of dedicated members who volunteer their time to keep this non-profit thriving. Members have a deep passion for the arts and a commitment to this historic institution.

MSA offers so much to the art community with accessibility to art, education, and workshops in Marin, the Bay Area and nationally.

- The CrossRoads Program offers affordable art education opportunities for families and adults including those with developmental and physical challenges and the underserved. MSA has regular art workshops for the vision-impaired, and partners with The Canal Arts and other local organizations to support public art and arts activities in under resourced communities.
- MSA co-manages the Downtown San Rafael Arts District (DSRAD), one of only 14 arts districts designated by the State of California Arts Council. Working with DSRAD, MSA championed several public art projects in the largely immigrant Canal community working with The Canal Alliance, the San Rafael School District and The Canal Arts. Examples of that work are here: [Canal Alliance rooftop murals](#) and [San Pedro Elementary School murals](#).
- MSA is a leader in The Canal Arts, a consortium of 14 Marin arts, government, business and community organizations that foster public art and arts activities in and with the Canal community. MSA acts as fiscal sponsor for The Canal Arts program work, sponsoring family arts activities at the Al Boro Community Center and the new "*Peoples of the Canal*" mural on the Boro Center.
- MSA participates in monthly 2nd Friday Art Walk, annual Marin Open Studios, ongoing arts and cultural events in downtown San Rafael, and makes art available in a variety of community locations at no cost to artists or venues.

- Annually, MSA presents several Bay Area juried fine art shows, national online juried shows and members only juried shows. MSA manages the Art Center at 1515 3<sup>rd</sup> Street with 17 art studios, self-curated gallery rental walls for artist members as well as affordably flexible space for classes, workshops and community use.
- MSA is expanding community involvement this year and in 2025 to include partnering with other non-profit community service organizations to sponsor fundraising events for the SF-Marín Food Bank, St. Vincent de Paul and others.

Post pandemic challenges and rising costs of rent, building maintenance and operations pose a financial challenge. With only one part time bookkeeper employee, MSA volunteers play a pivotal role in making the arts accessible to everyone. And now we are asking for your help.

As we approach our 100th year, we invite you to become part of this legacy in Marin. Your generosity ensures that MSA continues to inspire, educate and connect through the power of art. Thank you for keeping the arts alive in Marin with your tax-deductible gift. Donate here, on our secure [website](#), or send a check to 1515 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, San Rafael, CA 94901

With gratitude,  
Marin Society of Artists





MSA was fiscal sponsor for this mural on a transitional housing facility in the Canal neighborhood.



MSA artist working with Drawbridge at risk youth to create the Bienvenidos mural.



MSA commissioned two murals at the San Pedro Elementary School. Students, parents and faculty participated in conceiving of the imagery and actually help paint it.



A community chalk mural at MSA co-sponsored with The Canal Arts and Downtown San Rafael Arts District.



Blind and vision impaired workshops at MSA. MSA volunteers provide 1:1 assistance to attendees.



Along with the California Coastal Conservancy, the Canal Arts, the City of San Rafael, the Federated Indians of the Graton Rancheria, MSA is a fiscal sponsor of the "*People of the Canal*." An interactive interpretive project along the 2 mile shoreline path beginning at Boro Community Center in the Canal. The project illustrates and tells the story of the 20,000 year history of the area.