

Arts in April – 2026

WHEREAS, each April, Napa County joins together in a shared celebration of creativity, expression, and cultural heritage through **Arts in April Napa Valley**, a countywide recognition of the arts as a vital thread in the fabric of our community; and

WHEREAS, for more than 15 years, Arts Council Napa Valley, alongside dozens of arts and cultural organizations, hundreds of artists, businesses, and community members, has cultivated this celebration as both an invitation and a call to honor the power of the arts in our daily lives; and

WHEREAS, the people of Napa County—hundreds of residents from each city and town, came together to shape the County’s Community Cultural Plan, adopted in 2008, affirming a collective vision rooted in the belief that:

- *Self-expression is everyone’s birthright;*
- *The arts serve as a common language;*
- *The arts are critical to a healthy economy;*
- *The arts allow us access to our past, to ourselves, and to each other; and*
- *The arts give us a sense of place and of home; and*

WHEREAS, the arts transcend boundaries and bring us together, telling our stories, preserving our history, inspiring innovation, and fostering belonging in ways both profound and enduring; and

WHEREAS, in times of both celebration and challenge, the arts remind us of who we are, connect us to one another, and illuminate the path forward.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that this Board of Supervisors, County of Napa, State of California, on this 24th day of March 2026, does hereby recognize April 2026 as “**Arts in April**” **Month** in Napa County, and calls upon all residents and visitors to embrace the spirit of creativity, support local artists and cultural organizations, and celebrate the arts as an essential expression of our shared humanity.

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