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Ebb & Flow River Arts Festival 2020

Tannery Arts Center

SANTA CRUZ, CA — Starting June 5, the community is invited to celebrate the San Lorenzo River through public art installations, virtual performance, and activities as part of the Ebb & Flow River Arts Festival.

In its 6th year, Ebb & Flow 2020 will continue to deepen and inform the Santa Cruz community's relationship with the San Lorenzo River and the Tannery Arts Center through creative educational activities and storytelling. Permanent and temporary public art will be at the center of this year's celebration. Local artists are designing works that will elevate water literacy, connect us to the land and its history, cultivate our sense of belonging, and inspire curiosity about the impact we have on the river system.

"Ebb & Flow has helped to creatively reintroduce so many in our community to the river that runs through the heart of our community," said Bonnie Lipscomb, Director of Economic Development for the City of Santa Cruz. "Through stewardship, art, and education, Ebb & Flow has become an annual Santa Cruz tradition that deepens the bonds within our community."

Ebb & Flow is made possible through Arts Council Santa Cruz County's generous partners, including Santa Cruz City Arts, Coastal Watershed Council, Radius Gallery, Tannery World Dance & Cultural Center, Tannery Arts Center, and talented local artists.

"Ebb & Flow has helped change the conversation about the San Lorenzo River," says Laurie Egan, Programs Director of the Coastal Watershed Council. "It's been transformational in connecting artists, river enthusiasts and community members in enjoying this beautiful natural corridor that runs through our city. It inspires people to commit to being a steward of this critical natural resource."

Artists are available to be interviewed, provide photos, etc.

More information at www.ebbandflowfest.org.

Featured Projects

Marty O'Reilly - "Upstream"

Friday June 5th 6pm-9pm -

Live Streaming - <https://bit.ly/ebbflow20>

Live Music and Conversation, discussing creativity, place and livestreaming during the era of Covid-19. Hosted by Marty O'Reilly and featuring Kat Factor, Moha Aoualou, Chris Lynch and Salif Kone

Timerie Gordon - Fishing Rods Installation

Timerie Gordon's iconic Fishing Rods will once again be installed on the Water St. bridge to welcome visitors to the river.

Yolande Harris & Radius Gallery - "From a Whale's Back" Interactive Exhibit

Radius Gallery at the Tannery Arts Center will be hosting a visual and sound interactive exhibit from artist Yolande Harris. Large-scaled projections of video and sound will surround visitors in the gallery, using sound compositions from hydrophones recorded in the San Lorenzo River, Monterey Bay and Pacific Ocean. Yolande will lead Sonic Walks inviting visitors to listen to an original soundtrack on headphones as they walk along the Riverwalk.

Ebb & Flow Coloring Book - Local artists

A group of local artists including Irene Juarez O'Connell, Victor Cervantes, Margaret Niven and Anna Oneglia are teaming up to create a special bilingual Ebb & Flow coloring book. This book will spark young imaginations and share exciting knowledge about the ecosystem of the San Lorenzo River. Artwork will feature the flora and fauna of the San Lorenzo River and the rich community and culture in which they live. Stay tuned to the Arts Council Facebook page at facebook.com/artscouncilsantacruzcounty to find out where to get your copy.

Mural - Sarah Bianco & Rachel Barnes

Tannery resident artists, Sarah Bianco and Rachel Barnes, are creating an “iSpy creatures of the San Lorenzo River” mural in celebration of the Ebb and Flow festival. This site specific location, which is a short wall between the San Lorenzo River and the playground at the Tannery Arts Center, intends to be a playful interactive piece for the child in each of us to enjoy. The signature styles of each of these artists will be interwoven to illustrate some of the native flora and fauna in their first collaboration together, with an unveiling at the end of June.

*** Photos and interviews can be made available upon request ***

The Tannery Arts Center is a live/work art community providing a sustainable, accessible and vibrant home for the arts in Santa Cruz County. The Tannery is also home to Arts Council Santa Cruz County, Jewel Theatre Company and the Colligan Theater, the Tannery Lofts, the Tannery World Dance & Cultural Center and Tannery Working Studios, which provides 28 separate studio spaces for professional artists to create, display and sell their art. Visit tanneryartscenter.org for more information.

About Arts Council Santa Cruz County

The Arts Council generates creativity, vibrancy, and connection in Santa Cruz County. For 40 years, we have fueled our creative community, supporting individual and collective artistic expression and building bridges and bonds between people throughout our county. We know that art changes lives. In Santa Cruz the arts are also an economic driver (\$32 million of economic activity annually), contribute to civic pride, and are one of the most powerful vehicles for bringing people together, creating community dialogues, and strengthening relationships.

Through grants to artists and arts organizations, arts education programs that serve more than 18,000 youth across Santa Cruz County, and community initiatives such as Open Studios and Ebb & Flow, we help Santa Cruz County thrive.