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Focus on the Masters Arts Archive & Library *Learning To See* Outreach Impact Project Art Exhibit & Opening Reception

Ventura County Government Center
Hall of Administration Atrium Gallery
800 S Victoria Ave., Ventura, CA 93009

Exhibition: October 6 – November 11, 2022

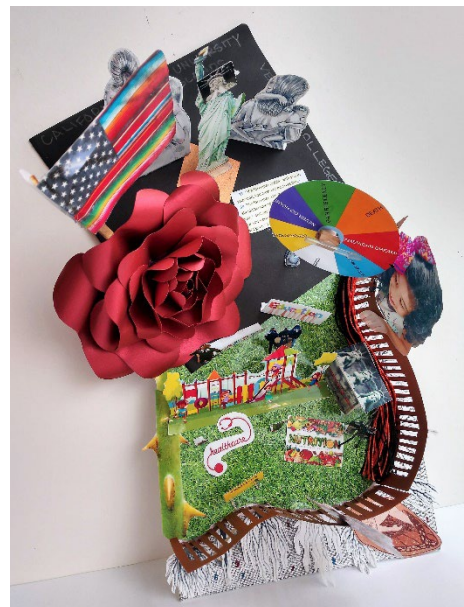
Reception: Friday, October 14, 2022, 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

The public is invited to join Focus on the Masters Arts Archive & Library (FOTM) and Ventura County Arts Council (VCAC) for a celebration of the creative spirit with FOTM's Impact Project exhibition, featuring work by artists from marginalized and underrepresented communities in Ventura County. With funding from the California Arts Council, this exhibit features collaborative artworks by migrant/immigrant, LGBTQ, and Black artists in our local community.

The exhibit seeks to illuminate viewpoints that have been historically lesser seen, and to support individual and collective community expression. Artwork by local K-8 students who participated in FOTM's *Learning To See* Outreach in-school art program will also be featured. There will be an opening reception open free to the public on Friday, October 14 from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the main lobby of the Ventura County Government Center Hall of Administration.



No soy de aqui, ni soy de alla. I am not from here, nor from there. by Goya



Immigrant by Elizabeth



Untitled by Joe

All images have publication releases.

About Focus on the Masters

Focus on the Masters (FOTM) documents the lives and works of extraordinary artists from our community, providing art programming for all ages. Each lesson of the innovative *Learning To See* (LTS) in-school, hands-on art program is inspired by one of these artists. Students then apply themselves to their own art projects, gaining confidence and respect for themselves and others as they realize the rewards of creativity and concentrated endeavor. With an emphasis on critical thinking and innovation, art anchors them to a greater caring for their community and celebration of cultural diversity.

For more information about FOTM or *Learning To See*, please visit focusonthemasters.com.

About Ventura County Arts Council

Ventura County Arts Council (VCAC) advances the arts in Ventura County by providing arts education and opportunities in schools and other creative settings, by advocating for local artists and arts organizations, and by creating partnerships among artists, arts supporters, businesses, foundations, and county organizations and agencies. It embraces diversity and equity, striving to reach low income, marginalized, and communities of color with programs that offer equal access to the arts. VCAC was formed and incorporated as an independent 501(c)3 non-profit arts organization in 1997. It has been designated by the Ventura County Board of Supervisors as the local partner of the California Arts Council (CAC), with a mandate to serve the county's citizens in partnership with CAC.

For more information about VCAC, please visit vcartscouncil.org.

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