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ARTS COUNCIL  
*for* MONTEREY COUNTY

# CHAMPIONS OF THE ARTS

A BENEFIT FOR  
YOUTH ARTS EDUCATION

EMBASSY SUITES BALLROOM  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

# OUR CHAMPIONS OF THE ARTS

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT – RON DIAS

Luminary – Belle Yang

Educator – Carla Baldassari

Nonprofit – Tonatiuh Danzantes  
Del Quinto Sol

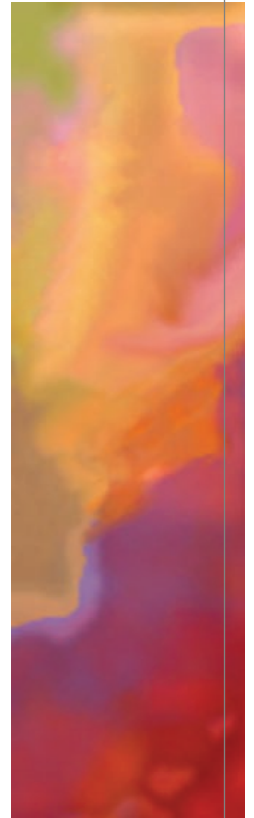
Philanthropist – Ewalker James

Professional – Carol Diggery Shields

Volunteer – William Stone

Awards Sponsored by

• Salinas Golf and Country Club \* Monterey Sculpture Center



## 2010 CHAMPIONS OF THE ARTS



Saturday, January 23, 2010 – Embassy Suites Ballroom

5:00 pm – Cocktail Reception and Enticing Silent Auction

6:30 pm – Gourmet Dining and Music of Andrea's Fault

7:15 pm – Video Tribute by Michael Houston

7:45 pm – Auction Ends!

7:50 pm – Special Performance

8:00 pm – Presentation of Champions Awards

9:00 pm – Auction Check Out and Dancing!

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*Don't Miss: Our Lifetime Achievement Champion - Ron Dias, Disney Artist/Illustrator, will have signed Golden Books and illustrations for sale and dedicate these on request after the awards presentation.*

*Proceeds benefit local arts education! **PLUS** - Be sure to purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win a print of his artwork "Big Sur".*

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# 2010 CHAMPIONS OF THE ARTS

## **RON DIAS – LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT**

One of our nation's outstanding animation artists, Ron is a Disney Artist/Illustrator who has contributed to every major studio over the years. His work is found in television, commercials, feature films and educational films. His fine artwork also captures a subtle magic.

## **BELLE YANG – LUMINARY**

An author and illustrator whose life and work cross many boundaries. She is the author of both children's books and novels. Maxine Hong Kingston has said of her "In Belle Yang we have our Isaac Bashevis Singer and Marc Chagal". Belle also finds time to glean with Ag Against Hunger!

## **TONATIUH DANZANTES DEL QUINTO SOL – NONPROFIT**

Founded in East Salinas in 1992 by Ramon Silva, the principal teacher/ choreographer. Each year, he carefully selects dozens of youth and trains them in all aspects of dances from Mexico including their unique cultural heritage. Their spectacular concerts can feature up to 100 dancers.

## **CAROL DIGGERY SHIELDS – PROFESSIONAL**

Active in Aromas Hills Artisans, artist, performer, award-winning author and illustrator. Carol's dedication to expanding literacy by making reading fun shines through in works like Saturday Night at the Dinosaur Stomp and Monday, Monday, Rise and Shine.

## **CARLA BALDASSARI – EDUCATOR**

A passionate advocate and an accomplished painter, Carla developed the very first trainings for K-8 Visual Arts program for the Soledad School District as a Lead Teacher. She was also the first trainer and mentor for the interns in the Arts Council Professional Artist in the Schools Program.

## **EWALKER JAMES – PHILANTHROPIST**

An inspiring and engaging leader in a wide range of organizations dedicated to our community. In the arts alone, Ewalker's leadership spans his roles as board member of both the Monterey Blues Festival and the Monterey Jazz festival and board president of the Seaside Cultural Arts Group.

## **WILLIAM F. STONE – VOLUNTEER (accepted by his family)**

He shared his wonderful talent and knowledge with young people while serving on the board of directors of the Carmel Art Association. William also volunteered regularly with the Monterey History and Art Association as well as the Camerata Singers and other community organizations.



Please join us on Saturday, January 23 for a wonderful evening in tribute to the great work and inspiring spirit of our Champions. We are proud to honor these exemplary leaders who have demonstrated such tremendous passion and commitment to the arts in Monterey County.

A vital arts sector is essential to a healthy community and a vibrant economy. Many thanks to you for your support. Special thanks to our sponsors for making CHAMPIONS such a grand affair this year.

Studies abound that demonstrate the powerful impact that participating in the arts has on our children. They develop good

attitudes and excellent skills. Each year, our Professional Artists In The Schools Program brings arts and arts-integrated literacy programs to Monterey County students with the greatest needs. With your support, we will help all children in our region learn, succeed and stay in school.

The mission of the Arts Council is to improve the quality of life for everyone in Monterey County through the arts.

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# RSVP Today!

\$85 per person; \$75 with reservation by January 15

Saturday Jan. 23, 2010 • Embassy Suites, Seaside



\_\_\_\_ YES! I/We will be pleased to attend!

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\_\_\_\_ Please reserve a Table for 8 \_\_\_\_ or a Table of 10 \_\_\_\_ under the name above\*

\_\_\_\_ Please hold \_\_\_\_ general seating tickets

\_\_\_\_ Unfortunately, we will not be able to attend, but we are pleased to enclose a donation to ensure that arts education is available to all children in Monterey County.

\_\_\_\_ Check Enclosed.

\_\_\_\_ Please bill my credit Card: MC or VISA # \_\_\_\_\_

Exp Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

\* Guest list and Dining Preferences on Reverse.

\*\* Suggested Attire: Cocktail or Business Dress.

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\* Flame Grilled Free Range Chicken \* Petit Filet Mignon \* Vegetarian (not)