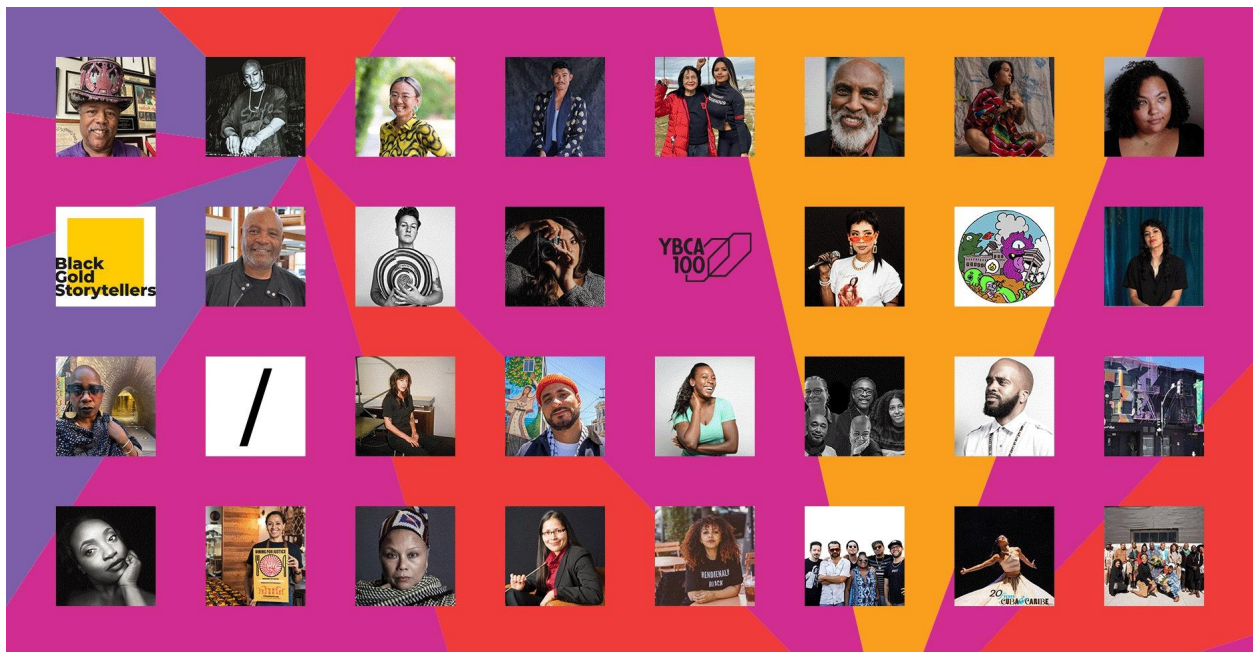


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YBCA Announces the 2023 YBCA 100 List

This year's list focuses entirely on Bay Area cultural leaders, changemakers, organizations, and creative visionaries, who will be honored during an in-person celebration on March 18



(San Francisco, CA – March 14, 2023) [Yerba Buena Center for the Arts](#) is thrilled to announce the 2023 [YBCA 100 Honorees](#). Launched in 2014, the YBCA 100 list publicly celebrates artists, activists, and leaders who are committed to building regenerative and equitable communities.

While the YBCA 100 list has previously celebrated national and international changemakers, this year it returned to its local roots, focusing solely on local Bay Area individuals and organizations. As 2023 continues to call for radical levels of hope and repair, this year's YBCA 100 list honors regional artists, innovators, boundary-breakers, and leaders who have boldly and nimbly responded to a changing Bay Area dynamic—from architecting solutions which address the most profound challenges we face, to designing joyful experiences that shine our

way forward. These fierce innovators work steadfastly through art and activism to provoke, inspire, ground, heal, and bring us together when we need it most. As part of this community-centered initiative, YBCA invited the public to nominate individuals or organizations for the 2023 YBCA 100 list.

This 2023 YBCA 100 spotlights a wide range of multidisciplinary Bay Area visionaries. The Honorees work as visual artists, educators, poets, abortion and queer rights activists, musicians, and more. Among the community leaders whose work will be celebrated are **Emory Douglas**, the former Minister of Culture and Revolutionary Artist for the Black Panther Party, who helped define the aesthetics of protest at the height of the Civil Rights era; **Arleene Correa Valencia**, a multidisciplinary artist who investigates various ethical, political, and aesthetic strategies to address the effects of our current climate on undocumented communities; and **Professor Khiara M. Bridges**, who has been committed to advancing knowledge around abortion rights.

Local youth collectives and non-profit organizations are also featured prominently in the list. **Acción Latina**, a non-profit community, media, and cultural organization has been serving Latinos in San Francisco since 1982, including through their cornerstone media project, *El Tecolote* newspaper. **The Association of Ramaytush Ohlone (ARO)** represents the interests of the original peoples of the San Francisco Peninsula by seeking repatriation of their ancestral homeland and revitalizing their culture and community. **ARTogether**, a refugee and immigrant arts organization has been bringing together artists, activists, and communities around the “Woman, Life, Freedom” movement. **The Church of 8 Wheels**—a roller disco set in the former Sacred Heart Church on Fillmore Street which once hosted the Black Panther Party Breakfast Program—will be recognized for the joyful experiences they create through skating. San Francisco’s landmark **Roxy Theatre** will also be celebrated as an organization that has been continuously committed to encouraging community through distinctive cinematic experiences.

You can view the full list of Honorees [here](#).

The 2023 list will be honored publicly during the [YBCA 100 celebration](#), which is returning with an in-person event this year on **Saturday, March 18, 2023 from 6:00-9:00 pm**. Celebrating the work of this year’s Honorees, the event will feature a dynamic program including poetry, drag, and music performances, as well as with contemporary hip hop signature style writing by the TDK Crew (founded by Oakland-based graffiti artist Mike “Dream” Francisco) presented with SOMA Pilipinas, local street food, and meaningful connections. The festivities will take place throughout YBCA’s gallery spaces and forum.

The event is free and open to the public with [RSVP](#).

YBCA 100 Celebration Activations:

6pm: Doors open

6-6:30: Procession led by [LionDanceME](#) and [The Rice Rockettes](#)

6:30-7pm: [Youth Speaks](#)

7-7:30pm: [Bayonics](#)

7:30-8pm: [Rocky Rivera](#) and [DJ Roza](#)

6-9pm: [Amor Digital](#) and [SOMA Pilipinas](#) & [TDK Collective](#)

During the celebration, the processional performances will lead visitors into the galleries where **Youth Speaks** Spoken Word organization will perform poetry from the sonic soapboxes in **Alex Strada** and **Tali Keren**'s exhibition, [Proposal for a 28th Amendment? Is it Possible to Amend an Unequal System?](#)

[Brett Cook & Liz Lerman: Reflection & Action](#) will also be on view at YBCA during the celebration. The collaborative exhibition dives into the past, present, and future of visual artist **Brett Cook** and choreographer **Liz Lerman**'s revolutionary practices, and is open through June 4, 2023.

For more information about the YBCA 100 list and celebration, please visit <https://ybca.org/>.

About YBCA

Opened to the public in 1993, YBCA was founded as the cultural anchor of San Francisco's Yerba Buena Gardens neighborhood. Our work spans the realms of contemporary art, performance, film, civic engagement, and public life. Centering artists as essential to social and cultural movement, YBCA is reimagining the role an arts institution can play in the communities it serves. For more information, visit <https://ybca.org/>.

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