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YBCA 100 Returns, Centering Local Leaders

March 18 Celebration Will Feature Musical Performances, Interactive Art, Food, and More



Left: Rocky Rivera by Vivian Chen. Right: Bayonics by Vivian Chen.

(San Francisco, CA – March 2, 2023) – [Yerba Buena Center for the Arts](#) is pleased to announce that the [YBCA 100](#) is returning with an in-person event this year on **March 18, 2023**. Celebrating the work of this year's Honorees, the event will feature a dynamic program including poetry, drag and music performances, as well as a new graffiti installation, local street food, and meaningful connections. The festivities will take place throughout YBCA's gallery spaces and forum on **Saturday, March 18, 2023 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm**.

The evening will feature a wide array of music activations and performances by local talent. The headliner will be [Rocky Rivera](#), a San Francisco-based journalist, emcee and author whose music embodies the spirit of resistance by weaving themes of social justice and feminism with West Coast-style hip hop. Rocky will be joined by **DJ Roza**, who mixes hip-hop, house, r&b, reggae, and disco.

Local legends [Bayonics](#), a band with a unique blend of Latin reggae music, powerful vocals and soulful production, will also be taking the stage for a dynamic live show. There will also be performances by **The Rice Rockettes**, San Francisco's premier Asian & Pacific Islander Drag Queen Troupe and House, as well as [LionDanceME](#), who will be modernizing the traditional Chinese Lion Dance with synchronized pop music and special effects.

Both of these 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?*

SOMA Pilipinas will open its offices to the community and activate the 2nd Floor Landing with a graffiti installation by the **TDK Collective** founded by Oakland-based graffiti artist Mike "Dream" Francisco.

DJ sets for the evening will be played by [Amor Digital](#), a local party collective renowned for pushing club music from the Americas and the Caribbean.

Launched in 2014, the YBCA 100 list publicly celebrates artists, activists, and leaders who are committed to building regenerative and equitable communities. These fierce innovators work steadfastly through art and activism to provoke, inspire, ground, heal, and bring us together when we need it most.

While the YBCA 100 list has previously celebrated national and international changemakers, this year it will return 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. As part of this community-centered initiative, YBCA invited the public to nominate up to three individuals or organizations for the 2023 YBCA 100 shortlist.

The celebration is free and open to the public, with RSVP.

To RSVP, click [here](#).

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

During the celebration, *Brett Cook & Liz Lerman: Reflection & Action*, will also be on view at YBCA. The collaborative exhibition dives into the past, present, and future of visual artist **Brett Cook** and choreographer **Liz Lerman**'s revolutionary practices, and will run through spring until June 4, 2023.

For more information, 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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