

ABOUT MONTALVO ARTS CENTER (2015)

Mission

Montalvo Arts Center is an oasis of culture and nature whose mission is to create and present arts of all types, nurture artists, and use our historic Villa, buildings and grounds in innovative ways that engage people in the creative process.

Vision

The Montalvo experience reflects the intersection of three unique assets that nourish creativity; place, people, and programs.

Place

The 175 acres encompasses the historic Villa, ten artist residencies, indoor and outdoor performance and exhibition venues, lush gardens, and hiking trails that wind through redwood forests to stunning vistas. The property was left by Senator James Phelan to the people of California. Our work, programs, and culture embrace and leverage our home, creating harmony and intimacy with the natural beauty, history and peacefulness that surrounds us. Montalvo is an oasis of culture and nature in the heart of bustling Silicon Valley.

People

We believe in the power of community to spur creativity. People from all walks of life, cultures and countries gather at Montalvo to create and participate in shared arts experiences – professionals and amateurs, old and young, families and singles, staff and volunteers, practitioners and patrons, teachers and students. We provide the place and programs that allow them to connect, explore, collaborate and share creative experiences, often to surprising results.

Programs

We emphasize programs that nourish creativity. Our hallmark is excellence in the experience. For professional artists, we create an unparalleled environment that nurtures and supports creativity. For people interested in exploring their own creativity, we offer experiential learning opportunities, rather than “teaching the arts”. For everyone, we provide the opportunity to witness creativity in process during outstanding performances and to enjoy the results of creativity through art on display. Montalvo is a place people return to again and again to create, connect, perform, learn, exhibit, and enjoy the arts and the creative process.

31 Member Board of Trustees: Members of the Board promote Montalvo’s mission in the community. Trustees serve three-year terms, with a maximum of two terms in succession. The first year of the first term is considered probationary. Board members participate in planning policy, overseeing fiscal affairs, and ensuring that Montalvo’s varied arts programs support its mission.

Administrative Staff: 20

Programs Staff: 22

Facilities/Operations Staff: 11

Montalvo Service Group: 120

Community Volunteers: 500

About Montalvo: Montalvo Arts Center, formerly known as Villa Montalvo, is a nonprofit arts organization dedicated to fostering community engagement through the creation and presentation of multidisciplinary art. The Center is housed in the Mediterranean-style mansion built in 1912 by James Phelan, a three-term mayor of San Francisco and California's first popularly elected U.S. Senator. Montalvo remained Phelan's favorite home and soon became known as a center of artistic, political, and social life for Northern California, with leading writers and artists his frequent guests. Before his death in 1930, Senator Phelan was explicit in his bequest that the estate be left to the people of California "for the development of art, literature, music, and architecture". Accordingly, Montalvo has since served the community as a center for the arts, a public park, and historical landmark for more than 75 years, and was incorporated as a nonprofit organization on September 25, 1952 as Montalvo Association. Montalvo's facilities now include two theaters, an art gallery, the historic Villa, a ten-acre artist residency complex, and a 175 acre park with hiking trails and formal gardens. More than 200,000 people enjoy the following Montalvo programs each year: performing and visual arts; education programming that reaches of 20,000 K-12 youth annually; the Sally and Don Lucas Artists Programs international residency; and Montalvo Park. Uniquely poised as a portal between the region's residents and exceptional artists from around the world, Montalvo expands the role of arts and culture as an essential community resource.

Current (2015) operating budget: \$4, 699,000

Earned Revenue: 56%

Individual donations & memberships: 28%

Foundations & corporations: 15%

Government: 1%

Membership Talking Points and FAQs

How does someone sign-up for the newsletter?

To receive weekly emails about upcoming programs and events, simply see a staff person to give them your email address, or visit the website's main page www.montalvoarts.org and click on "Join our email list". You can update your email preferences or unsubscribe at any time.

To become a member, the easiest way is to sign up online at www.montalvoarts.org/donate, or call the Stewardship Manager at 408.961.5849. All members receive access to ticket presale opportunities and have concert waitlist priority. Higher level benefits include invitations to local art collections as well as opportunities to interact with resident artists at exclusive dinners and more.

Here's a few of the most popular benefits of membership:

\$100 - Secure seats to your favorite shows through members-only presales
Instant wait list priority before non-members to Carriage House concerts and camps

\$250 - All the above + Discounts on Carriage House concert tickets

\$500 - Admission to an annual \$500 Donor Recognition event at the Villa

\$1,000 - Invitations to local art trips

\$2,500 - Invitations to a private dinner in the Residency prepared by Montalvo's Culinary Fellow

\$5,000 - Complimentary parking at all Carriage House concert shows

Special Events

Our Food and Wine event is typically our largest fundraiser of the year and is held annually in early June. It features 20+ high-end chefs and 20+ of the region's finest wineries. Guests have the opportunity to bid on rare and limited edition wines and special dining and travel packages during a live and silent charity auction. Our Gala is typically held every other year and is often theme-based. In 2014 the theme was "A Night in Havana." It usually features a sit-down dinner and a live auction with fewer but once-in-a-lifetime items, live music, dancing and other fun surprises.

About the Capital Campaign

Our goal for Montalvo's Capital Campaign is to raise \$50 million for Montalvo. This long-term support will ensure that the historic Villa and the 175-acre grounds and gardens are maintained and preserved for future generations. By strengthening Montalvo's financial stability, the endowment will also guarantee support of the Sally and Don Lucas Artists Residency Program and provide a bedrock for the institution's mission to engage and inspire the community through performance, education, literary and visual arts.