

Youth in Arts®

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NEIGHBORHOOD SHOW OPENS; WELCOME KRISTEN JACOBSON

SAN RAFAEL, CA – What does my community need? What makes my community strong?

Kids Imagine Our World: In My Neighborhood looks at how we build thriving, healthy communities. The YIA gallery exhibition will be celebrated at a Board-hosted open house on Friday, Nov. 8 from 5 to 8 p.m. The event offers visitors a chance to welcome Youth in Arts' new Executive Director [Kristen Jacobson](#). It also coincides with San Rafael's [2nd Friday Art Walk](#).

The show features work created by second graders at Laurel Dell and Short elementary schools who are participating in a Youth in Arts residency with Mentor Artist [Cathy Bowman](#). Collaborative pieces created in response to the recent power outages and fires are included, as well as artwork created by young artists at the [West End Village Celebration](#) on Sunday in San Rafael.

Making skin tones was a powerful way to explore personal identity and our connection to the people around us.

"This is an amazing, colorful show that allowed kids to voice what a healthy neighborhood needs," Bowman said. "It also includes important artwork made as a response to the recent power outages and fires. Students need to process what happened, and creating collaborative art is a perfect way to do that."

The show includes vibrant collage murals inspired by artist [Romare Bearden](#) and [Faith Ringgold](#). Students experimented with warm and cool colors as they explored what a neighborhood needs to make it strong, including what kinds of people and places make a community successful.

Youth in Arts is one of a handful of art galleries in the nation devoted to showcasing children's art, and its mission is to create programs that reach all learners. Youth in Arts makes their gallery exhibits accessible to all audiences by hanging the art and signage lower than most galleries.

The art will be on view through Dec. 6. The gallery is located at 917 C St. in the Downtown San Rafael Cultural Arts District.

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