

FREE!

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STORYTELLING & DRUMMING FESTIVAL

Discover the power of the spoken word. Delight to the sights & sounds of Drumming and Puppetry! Craft making and interactive workshops related to the stories and music presented.



**Parks
Make
Life
Better!**

Saturday, March 14, 2026

12:00 pm to 3:30 pm

**Mastick Senior Center
Social Hall**

1155 Santa Clara Ave, Alameda

- DRUMMING
- POETRY
- PUPPETRY
- STORYTELLING
- MUSIC & STORIES FOR ALL AGES!

KIMI SUGIOKA

Alameda's Own
Poet Laureate



THE PERENNIALS

We're a group of women in our 70s and 80s who create lighthearted entertainment by weaving songs, scenes, and rhymes into our performances—all made up on the spot!



ROOPA

Roopa Mohan is a professional storyteller from Alamo, CA. She got started as a volunteer storyteller at the Asian Art Museum, SF telling folktales and myths to school groups. She has since expanded her repertoire to multi-genre stories, often braiding her childhood memories from South India.



EMILY BUTTERFLY



Ms. Emily Butterfly is an interstellar storyteller known for captivating children with her magical blend of puppetry, storytelling and song.

RHYTHM CAFE

Oakland, CA's long running and highly esteemed RHYTHM CAFE is an explosion of sound, color and energy! Comprised of between 5-10 of the world's greatest percussionists, hailing from all corners of the globe, RHYTHM CAFE demonstrates the power of the DRUM to unite us all.



BOBBY & MAMA DUO



Blending timeless classical music from Mali, West Africa with contemporary beats and lyrics from California, The Bobby & Mama Duo creates a unique and vibrant tapestry of sounds, vibrations and feelings.

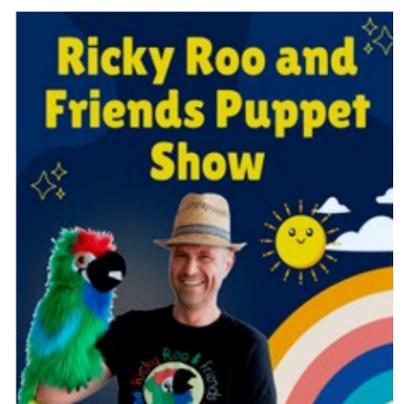
SHANTI CROOM

Shanti (Shawntae) Lair-Croom, also known as Tae (Poetically Divine), is a Humanitarian, Educator, Certified Wellness Coach II, Poet Spoken Word Artist, Award-Winning Filmmaker, and Event Host. Shanti's artistic work is known for being inspirational, authentic and thought-provoking.



RICKY ROO & FRIENDS

Ricky Roo and Friends feature custom made theaters and funny, colorful characters and tell age-appropriate jokes. Their shows are educational and entertaining!



RICH CASTRILLON, Master of Ceremonies
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