



EVENT PROGRAM

Sunday, August 18, 2024

4pm - 8pm | Southside Park

WHAT IS ODE TO EARTH?



Ode to Earth is a vibrant celebration of arts, culture, and our planet. Presented by 350 Sacramento, this youth-led event inspires us to envision a beautiful future with clean air and a safe, healthy environment for all to enjoy.

- Live Music, Dance, Poetry, Art, & More!
- Yolanda's Food Truck on-site
- Learn About Climate Justice
- Community Partners
- Kids' Activities
- Free Entry!



Donations are kindly requested.

LIVE PERFORMANCES

PLEASE NOTE: Time-frames & order of performances are approximate.

4pm STAN PADILLA Spoken Word: Arts & Murals, Culture & Land

JESSE CROSSON Indie-Pop Singer/Songwriter

5pm IRIE GARRET Poetry Reading

> ANUSHKA KALYAN Bharatanatyam Dance

NCS STRINGS SEXTET Classical Ensemble "Spring Breezes"

OSCAR QUEZADA Drag Performance

6pm TASTES LIKE TV STATIC Rock Band

KHIVI SINGH Poetry Reading All sound engineering services provided by Marty Taters!

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TEEDADLY Musician & Dancer

7pm STAR CRXSSED LOVERS Indie Rock Band

> VIBE TRIBE 916 Dance & Movement Group

GIANNA ACQUISTO Vocals with Piano Accompaniment

ABOUT THE PERFORMERS

Stan Padilla

SPOKEN WORD: ARTS & MURALS, CULTURE & LAND



Stan Padilla is a Yaqui artist, educator, and social activist, who honors his ancestors by bringing to life ancient stories, myths, and

legends. He is an author, mixed-media artist, and a member of the Royal Chicano Airforce, an artists' collective honoring social justice and the civil rights movement. Among his artistic endeavors, Stan has completed murals throughout the Sacramento area, including Southside Park.



Jesse Crosson

INDIE-POP SINGER/SONGWRITER

Jesse Crosson specializes in open-hearted, relatable indiepop. His music is defined by jubilant melodies, expansive soundscapes, and soul searching lyrics. As an avid songwriter and collaborator,



connection and community are integral to his art. Follow Jesse on **Instagram** <u>@jessecrosson</u>.

Irie Garret

WRITING CONTEST WINNER (17-24) - "OASIS"

Irie Garrett has been writing stories since she could put pencil to paper. She has always been



passionate about creating fiction, but has recently been exploring writing poetry inspired by the natural world. She believes that artistry and self expression are tools for community, change, and understanding.

Anushka Kalyan

BHARATANATYAM DANCE



Anushka Kalyan Anushka Kalyan is 17 years old and a high school senior from Sacramento. She started learning Bharatanatyam at age 6 and recently performed her Bharatanatyam arangetram in July 2024, her solo debut dance recital, signifying a momentous push into the next

level of artistic growth. As a member of the climate advocacy community in Sacramento, she's looking forward to bridging both her worlds at Ode to Earth.

NCS Sextet

STRINGS ENSEMBLE

The Natomas Charter School Sextet is a youth



group of passionate musicians who share their love of music throughout their community. They have earned awards for their work, including a superior rating and gold medal award from the CMEA music festival, "Golden Empire" for their rendition of the piece "Spring Breezes."



DRAG PERFORMER

Oscar Quezada is a local artist who specializes in drag performance and theater.

Tastes Like TV Static

ROCK BAND

Tastes Like TV Static is a four-person band that loves music (and La Croix). You can follow them on Instagram <u>@tastes.like.tv.static</u> and see their official video on YouTube <u>@TastesLikeTVStatic</u>.



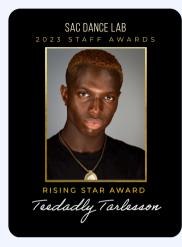
Khivi Singh

WRITING CONTEST WINNER (12-16)

Khivi Singh won the youth writing contest with the poem, "Mother Ganges."

Teedadly

MUSICIAN/DANCER



Teedadly is a multitalented musician, singer, dancer, instructor, and choreographer.

Find demos and more on **Instagram (a)** teedadly.

Star Crxssed Lovers



INDIE ROCK BAND

Sacramento's very own space cowboys, **Star Crxssed Lovers** brings indie rock, 90s grunge and folk together into an ethereal fusion. Follow the band on **Instagram** (@starcrxssedlovers.

Vibe Tribe Sac

DANCE & MOVEMENT

Led by Jalen Tyre, **Vibe Tribe Sac** is a dance and movement training program for youth ages 9-24. We provide a safe and



positive space for creative expression, personal development, and community building. We believe that everyone has the potential to be a great artist, and we are committed to helping our members reach their full potential. <u>VibeTribeSac.com</u>

Gianna Acquisto

YOUTH ACTIVIST, ARTIST, MUSICIAN, DANCER



Gianna Acquisto is a 17year-old artist and activist. She is interdisciplinary in music, dance, and visual arts and likes to purpose her creative visions to bridge communities. As an artist she embraces authenticity, open mindedness, and the pursuit to be a better human.

MEET THE YOUTH LEADERS

Gianna Acquisto



Gianna conceptualized this year's Ode to Earth as an open community arts festival, and began recruiting volunteers in early 2024 to bring that vision to life. With her leadership, the event has grown to become the vibrant celebration of music, art, dance,

poetry, and environmental harmony it is today. Among her many roles, 17-year-old Gianna has served as committee leader, talent scout, event promoter, art and graphic designer, performer, emcee, and more.

Haleya Hoang

Haleya's passion for climate advocacy ignited when she joined 350 Sacramento's student activist training program in 2023. She's explored environmental topics in greater depth as a member of Granite Bay High School's Speech and Debate team. She is also an avid theater performer.



In addition to her leadership role on the Ode to Earth planning committee, Haleya has also founded the first official student chapter of 350 Sacramento at her school called 350 at GBHS. Follow <u>@350gbhs</u> on Instagram to follow their journey!

OTHER PLANNING VOLUNTEERS

Megan Elsea

Currently serving as Board Treasurer, Megan has been a volunteer with 350 Sacramento for 12 years. She is a lawyer by trade but likes to use her advocacy skills to make a difference in climate justice, helping move us toward a livable future. Megan was the first to join Gianna's planning committee to help bring her vision to fruition, and she has been an integral member of the Ode to Earth team ever since.

Contact with friends and relatives of various species sustains her.

Lisa Kang

Having recently moved to Sacramento, Lisa reached out to 350 Sacramento to offer her time and talents as a volunteer. Upon learning about Ode to Earth, she immediately signed up for the planning team. As a playwright, actor, educator, and environmental advocate herself, this community arts festival was a natural fit!

From Day One, Lisa has been a driving force in keeping the team organized, supporting and encouraging the youth activists along the way. Her kindness, creativity, and willingness to take on any challenge has been instrumental throughout the event planning process.

Among her many creative endeavors, Lisa is a member of the **Same Boat Theater Collective** (<u>SameBoatTheater.org</u>).

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As part of a national <u>Public Utility Campaign</u>, with the 350 Network Council, 350 Sacramento is launching a new educational series about the Sacramento region's Public Utility provider, <u>SMUD</u>.

Our main goal is to help people understand how to get involved and play a role in influencing SMUD's decisions about clean energy, including the programs they offer.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Thank you to all the volunteers, participants, supporters, and attendees for being part of Ode to Earth 2024!

This truly was a labor of love, and the amount of talent, resourcefulness, and generosity so many of you have poured into this community arts festival is nothing short of extraordinary.

Ode to Earth shows us just how powerful we can be when we all work together with joy and determination, celebrating the beauty of what is, and creating a vision of what can be.



Gratefully,

Patricia

Patricia Moore Executive Director Patricia@350sacramento.org



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE YOUTH WRITING CONTEST WINNERS!



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