

## **Subject: Arts Council Awards Mark 20th Anniversary**

Arts Council Silicon Valley marked its 20th Anniversary of honoring individual contributions to the arts in Santa Clara County when it made its annual Artist Fellowship Grants to five local artists in April. The \$4,000 awards went to: Shannon Amidon of San Jose (photography), Terry Berlier of La Honda (sculpture), David Perez of Campbell (spoken word), P.J. Hirabayashi of San Jose Taiko (music performance) and Ballet San Jose principal dancer Karen Gabay (choreography). The monies are for general assistance and may be used any way the artist wishes. Congratulations to this year's winners.

Arts Council Silicon Valley is a nonprofit organization dedicated to fostering arts and culture throughout the region. The Council provides grants and capacity-building services and work with key partners who share a strategic vision for arts as an integral part of the community.

Since its inception in 1982, ACSV has distributed more than \$25 million in funding to the arts. For more information on Arts Council Silicon Valley go to: [www.artscouncil.org](http://www.artscouncil.org)

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Photos: Gabay headshot and Gabay with Raymond Rodriguez performing 2-2-Tango, an original dance choreographed by Karen Gabay.  
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