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#### Celebrating Fifty Years! East Bay Open Studios June Event 2024

Oakland, California: Oakland Art Murmur is excited to continue the rich, 50-year-old history of East Bay Open Studios (EBOS) during the first two weekends of June; June 1st - 2nd and 8th - 9th from 11am - 5pm each day. Hundreds of East Bay artists will open their studios to the public in this free, family-friendly self-guided tour of the East Bay's unique art scene. Visitors will discover art where it happens: in unexpected places, at an art gallery, at an artist open studio, or live mural painting. EBOS artists are painters, sculptors, ceramicists, glass and metal workers, jewelry makers and multimedia artists. Art events are happening daily!

Visitors can navigate to the East Bay Open Studios website, find artists in the community, plan studio visits using the digital map and find activities and special events. Information including studio accessibility and languages spoken are included in each artist's profile.

### Join the Opening Party and Exhibition

View the work of over 100 participating East Bay Open Studios artists, mix and mingle while you enjoy custom mocktails from Purely Drinks, signature tacos from East Bay favorite La Catrina and music from Storefront Records artists Mia Pixley and Malonga Music! May 30th, from 6-9pm at Studio One Art Center in Oakland.

## East Bay Open Studios June Featured Artist- Tiffany Conway

Tiffany's artwork was chosen to represent the June event and featured on the event guide and throughout the event promotional materials. The featured painting titled "The Love Series (Mike)" is an 'unintentional portrait' of Conway's husband and muse, Michael. "The Love Series (Mike)", 2023, 12×18, Oil pastel and acrylic paint on paper

This is what Tiffany had to say about her experience with East Bay Open Studios-"East Bay Open Studios has made a significant impact on the expansion of my audience and my connection with our local art community. It's been a pleasure to work with EBOS as I continue to grow in my journey as an artist. " Tiffany Conway is a Bay Area painter who creates vibrant, imaginative works that celebrate the African Diaspora. Born in 1984, Tiffany brings a bold, expressive style to paintings that explore the intersections of the past and present. While largely self-taught, Tiffany is an award-winning artist and has participated in exhibitions across California. Her paintings seek to capture the full spectrum of human experience, drawing from both memory and imagination. Using bright colors and fluid forms, this painter creates worlds that are at once grounded in history and infused with modern spirit. Whether depicting daily life or the inner landscape of navigating life, this artist's works are emotionally resonant and visually striking, using the human figure as a window into the Black experience. Through bold figuration and imaginative storytelling, this painter creates work that is by turns joyful, thoughtful, and celebratory.

#### https://www.tiffanyconway.com/

#### Video on YouTube

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#### About East Bay Open Studios

Established in 1974, originally administered and funded by the Alameda County Neighborhood Arts Program (which then evolved to become ProArts), <u>East Bay Open Studios</u> was one of the first of such programs in the country. Since its beginnings, East Bay Open Studios has presented an annual, free and family-friendly, self-guided tour of artist studios and exhibition spaces throughout the East Bay (Alameda and Contra Costa Counties). Held over multiple weekends, this event connects the public to art where it happens: in unexpected places, at an art gallery, through an art tour, in an artist studio, or art demonstration.

In 2023, Oakland Art Murmur took on stewardship of the program and the artists that it serves. We are excited to share updates to the program and event, including:

- free physical space for artists without dedicated studios to show their work made possible through partnerships with arts venues and community spaces
- a fee waiver program for artists for whom the registration fee would be a barrier to participation
- free professional development workshops throughout the year for EBOS artists to increase business of art acumen

EBOS offers investment and support to local artists to aid in the continuation of work that genuinely reflects the culture, diversity, and nuance of different communities across the East Bay. Our hope, and our mission, is for residents to discover the

numerous artists and art spaces that enrich their neighborhoods and cities and become invested in making sure that these people and these spaces remain a part of the East Bay ecosystem for decades to come.

# About Oakland Art Murmur

Oakland Art Murmur (OAM), a visual arts based 501c3, supports and promotes visual
artists and arts venues, and connects the public to the vibrant and eclectic art of the East Bay.
OAM envisions an East Bay where visual culture thrives and artists and art venues are
sustained through arts-based economic vitality.