

2024 Art on Market Street Poster Series

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Art Market Series 2024 Poster Description

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This poster series will illuminate compelling historic narratives, showcasing the invaluable contributions of Native communities to the cultural landscape of the San Francisco Bay Area, and envisioning a future where Bay Area Native people thrive while honoring their rich heritage. Each poster will weave together portraits that are accompanied by personal statements from Native Ohlone community members calling attention to cultural connections to the land, repatriation (restoring the relationship between Indigenous people and their ancestral land), and climate change, highlighting their message "We Are Here." Each poster will include the name of the individual featured, tribal group name, tribal website, and statement.

The artist has experienced tremendous success with her current traveling exhibition *Contemporary Indigenous Voices of California's South Coast Range* at the Santa Cruz Art and Science Museum from August 23 and the De Young Fine Art Museum from October 23 to January 24 2023. We have welcomed thousands of visitors and garnered positive media coverage. Placing this poster series on bus shelters at Market Place will expose it to thousands of people and tourists visiting San Francisco during peak seasons from across the globe. This initiative aims to highlight and raise awareness about the Ohlone Tribal groups, who have been an integral part of California for thousands of years as the region's original inhabitants. It will significantly contribute to education and unite not only the participating indigenous tribal groups but also other indigenous communities in San Francisco, providing them with a collective voice. Furthermore, it will offer an opportunity for those who may not typically visit galleries and museums to engage with this significant poster series and its powerful message of "We are Still Here."

This poster series will represent some of the leading members from some of these tribal groups. Association of Ramaytush Ohlone-Gregg Castro, The Confederated Villages of Lisjan- Corrina Gould, Muwekma Ohlone Tribe of the San Francisco Bay Area- Monica Arellano, Tamien Nation- Quirina Geary, Indian Canyon Nation- Kanyon Sayers -Roods, Amah Mutsun Tribal Band-Valentin Lopez, the Rumsen Ohlone Tribal Community- Linda Yemane, Esselen Tribe of Monterey County- Tom Little Bear Nason, the Salinan Tribe of San Luis Obispo and Monterey Counties- Patti Duntun or Mary Rodgers and the Salinan T'rowt'raahl tribal community- Gregg Castro.







we are still here



Gregg Castro

Culture Director

The Association of Ramaytush Ohlone

The Association of Ramaytush Ohlone (ARO) The Ramaytush (pronounced "rah-my-toosh") are the only original peoples of the San Francisco Peninsula. The aboriginal homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone includes San Francisco and San Mateo Counties and part of northern Santa Clara County. The term Ramaytush became a linguistic designation for a dialect of the Costanoan language that was spoken by the original peoples of the San Francisco Peninsula. The name Ramaytush Ohlone recognizes the Ramaytush as part of a larger group of the Ohlone-Costanoan peoples who lived in the area of the San Francisco Bay south to Monterey Bay and the Salinas Valley.

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Linda Yamane

*Master Ohlone Basket Weaver
Rumsen Ohlone Tribal Community*

The Rumsen Ohlone Tribal Community is active and centered in our Carmel Valley/Monterey area indigenous homeland. We have more than 300 members representing several documented Rumsen Ohlone lineages, though many live outside the Monterey Bay region.

Our ongoing goal is to reach out to others who trace their ancestry to Rumsen speaking people indigenous to the Monterey area. Our community was traumatized and fractured, traditions lost. But now we have brought ourselves together again to share our history and culture, such as Rumsen language, traditional basketry, songs, plant uses, old-time stories, dance and regalia.

We can be contacted at RumsenOhlone.com.

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