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# POINT MOLATE EXHIBITION AT RICHMOND ART CENTER: ARTSCCC (ARTS CONTRA COSTA COUNTY) CURATION

Point Molate is a diverse ecosystem known as an osprey recovery site and for its rare eelgrass beds, coastal prairie, and coastal bluff native plants. It's located next to California's third largest oil refinery in Richmond. Communities that border the facility experience higher health impacts and advocates seek equitable access along with preservation. Artists Rebeca García-González, Irene Wibawa, Tony Tamayo, and the butohBuddies performance group (Ruth Ichinaga, Kiyono Kishi, Lipton Mah, Nina Moore, and Irene Wibawa) created artworks inspired by Point Molate. ARTSCCC (Arts Contra Costa County) is curating and partners with the Richmond Art Center for the *Point Molate* exhibition.

The Richmond Art Center (2540 Barrett Ave, Richmond, CA) will host the *Point Molate* exhibition from January 24th - March 16th, 2024. The reception is Saturday January 27th from 2-4pm with partner introductions at 3:00pm. On February 24th at 1pm, the butohBuddies will share a performance inspired by Point Molate. Following the performance, curator Jenny E. Balisle will facilitate a conversation with the *Point Molate* artists. The Richmond Art Center is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10am-4pm.

Featured artists include Rebeca García-González, Irene Wibawa, Tony Tamayo, and the butohBuddies performance group. ARTSCCC Executive Founding Director Jenny Balisle served as Richmond Arts & Culture Commission Chair and Public Arts Advisory Committee Chair. When curating the *Point Molate* exhibition, Balisle selected artists who are dedicated community leaders in which their art practices consistently speak to the human experience.

Since 1936, the <u>Richmond Art Center</u> has been sharing art and creating with the community through classes, exhibitions, events, and off-site activities. Their high-quality art making experiences extend to West Contra Costa Unified School District schools, community centers, and the Richmond Public Library. Richmond Art Center continues to be a participatory space that seeks to equitably grow and sustain innovative art practices in Richmond and beyond.

ARTSCCC, <u>Arts Contra Costa County</u>, ARTSCCC (Arts Contra Costa County) is a grassroots service and advocacy arts organization whose top priority is an equitable and sustainable arts organization. ARTSCCC writes grants, manages projects, promotes social media, and advocates policy to support the creative community. The nonprofit <u>Independent Arts & Media</u> is the fiscal sponsor for ARTSCCC.

To learn more visit <u>www.artsccc.com</u> and follow ARTSCCC on <u>Instagram</u> (@\_artsccc), <u>Threads</u> (\_artsccc), <u>Facebook</u> (Arts Contra Costa County - artsccc) and <u>Twitter</u> (@\_artsccc).

#### **Point Molate Social Media**

### Instagram:

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#### Twitter:

"Point Molate" #exhibition on display Jan. 24 - March 16 at Richmond Art Center! #artworks by Rebeca García-González, Irene Wibawa, & Tony Tamayo @TonyTamayo510. @\_artsccc @CCCounty @CityofRichmond @ArtsRichmond @MolatePoint @JBalisle @IndyArtsSF #art

## Facebook:

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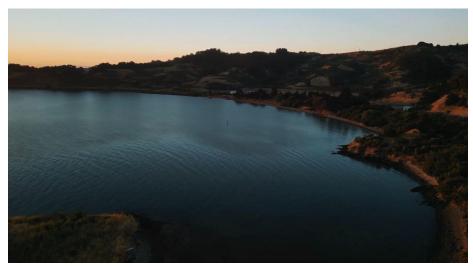
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Point Molate logo designed by Tony Tamayo.



Artist Rebeca García-González Worth Trespassing artwork (oil on canvas). Artist image.
Instagram: @rebecathepainter
Website: https://rebecasart.com/



Artist Tony Tamayo *Point Molate* artwork (photography digital still). Artist image. Instagram: @tony.tamayo

Website: https://www.tonytamayo.com/



Artist Irene Wibawa *The Residents* artwork (mixed media: textile, beads, sequins). Richmond Art Center image.
Instagram: @irene\_wibawa
Website: <a href="https://www.irenewibawa.com/">https://www.irenewibawa.com/</a>