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AWARDS

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**ARTS & HERITAGE**

Awards





## GOVERNOR'S GREETINGS

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On behalf of the State of Washington and ArtsWA, I am pleased to welcome you to the 2022 Governor's Arts & Heritage Awards. We are honored to bring together the honorees, their families, friends, supporters, and all those in attendance for this celebration.

For over fifty years, the Governor's Arts & Heritage

Awards have recognized the contributions made by individuals and organizations toward a Washington that is rich in creativity and tradition. The cultural fabric of our state is more exciting, diverse, and inspirational thanks to the achievements of this year's honorees.

Today, we celebrate the achievements of Yeggy Michael, Yvonne A.K. Johnson, One Reel, Robb Hunt, Dow Constantine, MusicWorks4Veterans, Carol Emarthle-Douglas, Deepti Agrawal, and the Historic Lincoln Theatre. We honor you for the work you do and for the cultural legacy you have contributed to our state.

Many thanks to our sponsors, Washington Festivals & Events Association, 4Culture, and King County. We also recognize the support of valuable partners like ArtsFund who make events like this possible. Please accept my best wishes for a memorable celebration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Inslee". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Governor Jay Inslee

# PROGRAM

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## **Introduction and welcome**

Tony Gomez, Master of Ceremonies

Justin Raffa, ArtsWA Board Chair

Michael Greer, ArtsFund Executive Director

Karen Hanan, ArtsWA Executive Director

## **Governor's welcome**

Governor Jay Inslee

## **Award presentation**

Dow Constantine

Yeggy Michael

One Reel

Robb Hunt

MusicWorks4Veterans

Yvonne A.K. Johnson

Carol Emarthle-Douglas

Deepti Agrawal

Historic Lincoln Theatre

*Teeming, (2016) by Elizabeth Gahan. Located at Virginia Grainger Elementary, Okanogan.*

*Cover: Bejeweled, (2016) by Elizabeth Gahan. Located at Virginia Grainger Elementary, Okanogan.*

# HONOREES

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## ARTS

### **Advocacy**

Dow Constantine

### **Individual Artist**

Yeggy Michael

### **Organization**

One Reel

### **Legacy**

Robb Hunt

### **Community Organization**

MusicWorks4Veterans

### **Individual**

Yvonne A.K. Johnson

## HERITAGE

### **Individual**

Carol Emarthle-Douglas

### **Individual**

Deepti Agrawal

### **Organization**

Historic Lincoln Theatre



## DOW CONSTANTINE ADVOCACY

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King County Executive Dow Constantine is a lifelong champion of the arts.

Dow is also a powerful advocate for working artists and creatives, a fact that was profoundly evident during the pandemic.

As government-mandated facility closures rippled across Washington, Dow voiced critical support for an equitable recovery of the arts. He publicly promoted a message that the 'arts are essential' while leading the countywide COVID Public Health response, shepherding millions into arts recovery funding.





## YEGGY MICHAEL

### INDIVIDUAL ARTIST

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Yegizaw (also known as Yeggy) is an arts administrator and a painter who has dedicated his professional life to painting, sculpture, and mosaic art.

His work has received national and international awards. Yeggy shares his skills and experience with other artists, especially those of Eritrean descent.

He creates as many opportunities as possible for artists, including showcases for local communities.

Yeggy's work breaks down barriers in art education and provides disadvantaged youth with tools to create and heal through art.





## ONE REEL ORGANIZATION

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One Reel has spent half a century defying expectations. From their start in 1972 as a traveling vaudeville show, they have consistently brought wonder to audiences through non-traditional models and settings.

Their mashups of different art forms create experiences, inspire partnerships, and drive

audience engagement. One Reel's work has resonated across multiple generations and given paid work—and exposure to new audiences—to tens of thousands of local artists.

One Reel fuels Seattle civic pride through signature experiences that foster growth and development in our community and the arts.







## ROBB HUNT

### LEGACY

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Robb Hunt's artistic leadership has profoundly impacted Washington's performing arts landscape.

What began with Robb's vision, shared by a small group of dedicated theatre artists in 1979, has grown from a small community theatre into one of the nation's leading regional theatre companies.

His legacy is now evident throughout Issaquah. He has overseen the construction of four (soon to be five) arts facilities and has expanded Village Theatre's reach beyond King County. Robb was the 2021 recipient of Everett's Richard & Nancy Wendt Award of Excellence and, in 2022, Issaquah's first Lifetime Achievement Award.





## MUSICWORKS4VETERANS COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

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Founded in 2012, the MusicWorks4Veterans (MW4V) Project creates opportunities for veterans and service members to make music and build relationships as they transition to civilian life.

Through in-person events for veteran community members, such as the SoundVetJams, MW4V builds community with

underserved military populations through accessibility and recognition. In 2022, MW4V extended their programming to the Orting Veterans Village, a permanent supportive tiny house village for 35 homeless veterans. Their work has a profoundly positive impact on one of Washington's most overlooked and vulnerable communities.





# YVONNE A.K. JOHNSON

## INDIVIDUAL

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Spokane Valley Summer Theatre (SVST) was founded in 2015 by Executive Artistic Director Yvonne A.K. Johnson. As the leader of this professional company, Yvonne successfully negotiated the pandemic and doubled the organization's annual operating budget. She

launched a capital campaign to build a multi-use performing arts center, which will include two performance spaces and a Conservatory for professional theatre education. Yvonne has shown exemplary arts-based community development, service, and placemaking. Her foresight and vision in creating this legacy project will contribute to the region culturally and economically for generations to come.






## CAROL EMARTHLE-DOUGLAS

### INDIVIDUAL

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Carol Emarthle-Douglas is a researcher, a storyteller, and advocate for basketry preservation. She is an award-winning master weaver, winning best of show at SWAIA in 2015 for her basket “Cultural Burdens,” which highlighted Native motherhood from an intertribal perspective.

For years she taught at Weavers Teaching Weavers gatherings to share her knowledge of weaving. She petitioned the Southwestern Association for Indian Arts (SWAIA) to ensure that baskets were a separate category from textiles and to recognize its artisans with a separate category. Community care is at her core, and her extensive knowledge and contributions serves to keep basketry alive. 





# DEEPTI AGRAWAL

## INDIVIDUAL

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Founder of Deepti Designs Inc, Deepti Agrawal is a world-renowned expert in Madhubani Painting and a passionate educator. She devotes a large portion of her time to non-profit organizations and public associations like Humanities Washington, Friends of Asian Art Association, Seattle Asian

Art Museum, King County Library System, and the Northshore Senior Center to raise awareness about traditional visual arts.

Deepti is an effective heritage art promoter and influencer who has inspired thousands of people to explore traditional art styles. A celebrated speaker on Humanities Washington Speaker Bureau program, she strives to strengthen the cultural landscape of Washington State.





# HISTORIC LINCOLN THEATRE

## ORGANIZATION

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The Lincoln Theatre is one of the last surviving vaudeville houses north of Seattle, recognized as an historic economic driver and the heart of revitalization efforts for Downtown Mount Vernon.

Built in 1926, generations of patrons return to the Lincoln year

after year to enjoy movies, live performances, and community events. Originally a center for silent film and vaudeville entertainment, the Lincoln still prides itself on its art house film programming, National Theatre and Metropolitan Opera screenings, and world-renowned artist presentations. The Lincoln Theatre is a resource and meeting place for organizations and artists, promoting cultural heritage to a changing world.





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## ABOUT THE AWARDS

**The Governor's Arts Awards**, established in 1966, recognize outstanding individuals and organizations for their significant contributions to the arts and cultural development of Washington State. 



**The Governor's Heritage Awards**, established in 1989, honor outstanding individuals and organizations whose dedication to preserving and promoting traditions and cultural heritage are worthy of state recognition.



*Rogue Tulips (2019) by Alfred Currier. Located at Harriet Rowley Elementary, Mount Vernon.*




## WHO WILL YOU NOMINATE NEXT YEAR?

 The Governor's Arts Awards were established to recognize individuals and organizations who have made significant contributions to the creative and cultural vitality of Washington State. 

The call for 2023 nominations will open in the spring. Any Washington citizen can submit a nomination.

### WHO CAN YOU NOMINATE?

To be eligible, individuals or organizations must be current Washington residents or have resided in Washington during the time contributions were made. Self-nominations and posthumous nominations will be accepted. Individuals or organizations who received a past Governor's Arts & Heritage Award—with the exception of Young Arts Leader honorees—are not eligible. 

If you know of an individual or organization who has made significant contributions to Washington's cultural vibrancy, please consider submitting a nomination in 2023. To learn more, visit:

[arts.wa.gov/gaha](https://arts.wa.gov/gaha)

## PAST HONOREES

1966  
PONCHO

1967  
City of Bellingham  
Angus L. Bowmer  
Pike Place Market  
Washington State Library

1968  
Eunice P. Ziegler

1969  
Western Washington State College  
Seattle First National Bank  
Olympia Brewing Company  
Richard E. Fuller  
Atlantic Richfield Hanford Company

1970  
Allied Arts Council of the Yakima Valley  
Boise Cascade Corporation and the Blue  
Mountain Committee of the Pacific  
Northwest Ballet Association  
Farm Credit Banks of Spokane  
Erna Gunther  
Rainier Brewing Company  
Seattle Opera Association  
Taholah Elementary School District #77  
Mark Tobey  
James Washington, Jr.

1971  
Battelle Pacific  
Northwest Laboratories  
Morris Graves  
Henry Art Gallery  
Robert Joffrey  
Helen Loggie  
Mr. and Mrs. Lowell T. Murray, Sr.  
Pacific Car and Foundry  
Foundation and the City of Renton  
Seattle Symphony Orchestra and  
the Musicians' Association (Local 76)  
Tacoma School District #10

1972  
Glen Alps  
Ralph Anderson  
Carnegie Center of the Arts  
Richard Daugherty, Pullman,  
and the Makah Tribal Council  
John and Anne Hauberg  
Philadelphia String Quartet  
Seattle Repertory Theatre

1972 *continued*  
Spokane Civic Theatre

1973  
A Contemporary Theatre  
Allied Arts of Seattle, City of  
Seattle and King County  
Park and Mildred Cook  
Alan Hovaness  
Ariel Lelooska

1974  
Murray Morgan  
Port of Seattle  
Spokane Symphony Society  
Whitworth College 1975  
Allied Arts Association of Richland  
Anacortes Arts and Crafts Festival,  
Inc and Anacortes School District #103  
Lester S. Baskin  
Vilem Sokol and the Seattle Youth  
Symphony Orchestra  
The City of Spokane and its People

1975  
Richland Allied Arts Association  
Anacortes Arts and Crafts Festival,  
Inc and Anacortes School District  
Dr. Lester S. Baskin  
Julia Butler Hansen  
Vilem Sokol and the Seattle Youth  
Symphony Orchestra  
The City of Spokane and its People

1976  
Allied Arts Council of North Central  
Washington  
Black Arts/West  
Stanley Chapple  
Ellensburg Community Art Gallery  
Washington State Department of  
Highways  
Bill Holm  
Elida H. Kirk  
George Laisner  
Virginia and Bagley Wright

1977-1982 No awards presented

1983  
Guy Anderson  
Kenneth Callahan  
The Capitol Theater Corporation  
Columbia Basin Allied Arts  
Mrs. David W. Gaiser

1983 continued

City of Kent  
Safeco Insurance Company,  
R.M. Trafton, Chairman  
Virginia Shackelford  
WAMPUM

1984

Alcoa Foundation  
Dale Chihuly and the Pilchuck School  
Connoisseur Concerts  
Anne Gerber  
Jacob Lawrence

1985

Burlington Northern Foundation  
Columbia Arts Center  
Hans and Thelma Lehman  
Tacoma Actors' Guild  
Victor Steinbrueck  
George Tsutakawa

1986

Artists Unlimited  
Mr. and Mrs. Morris Alhadeff  
Dr. and Mrs. Elsworth Alvord, Jr.  
Alfredo Arreguin  
Ben B. Cheney Foundation  
The Group Theatre  
Old National Bank  
Port Angeles Symphony  
Jose Rambaldi

1987

Nelson Bently  
Centrum Foundation  
Chateau St. Michelle  
Dr. Solomon Katz  
Ramona Solberg  
Tacoma Youth Symphony

1988

Harold Balazs  
The Empty Space Theater  
LaMar Harrington  
Paul Horiuchi  
The Music and Art Foundation  
Ruth Slonin  
Kent Stowell and Francina Russell  
Vancouver Federal Savings Bank  
Victory Music  
The Wenatchee World

1989

Copper Canyon Press  
Gaylen Hansen  
Sheffield and Patricia Phelps  
Seattle Children's Theatre

1989 continued

Washington Trust Bank and  
Washington Trust Foundation  
Marie Bakke Bremner  
David Forlines  
Marija Franulovich  
Andrew George  
Woodrow Gifford  
Nhia YiaHeu  
Vi Hilbert  
Lucy Liu  
Esther Mumford  
Ivan Novikoff  
Gordon Ekvail Tracie

1990

Cecilia Svinth Carpenter  
Ralph Hayes  
Selma Muller

1991

Richard Gilkey  
Carole Glickfield  
Intiman Theater Company  
Moses Lake City Council  
Samuel Stroum  
Tears of Joy Theater  
Fred Cordova  
Joseph Locati  
Patrinell Wright

1992

The Boeing Company  
Doris Chase  
Robert Helm  
Erasmus Gamboa  
Bruce (Subiyay) Miller

1993

Judith Meltzer-Smith  
Toppenish Mural Society  
Joe Wheeler, Centrum  
Santiago Almeida  
Nettie Jackson  
Lillian Pullen

1994

Corporate Council for the Arts (CCA)  
Phillip McCracken  
Northwest Asian American  
Theater  
Palmer Johnson  
Tazue Kiyono Sasaki  
Emilija Tutlys

1995

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Benaroya  
Columbia River Renaissance Art Committee

1995 *continued*

Eastern Washington State  
Historical Society  
Elaine Timentwa Emerson  
Larry A. Geogre  
Otta Oja

1996

The International Alliance of  
Theatrical Employees (Local 15),  
Studio Mechanics of the Pacific  
Northwest (Local 488), and  
Theatrical Wardrobe (Local 887)  
The Seattle Arts Commission  
The Walla Walla Foundry with  
Director Mark Anderson  
Pauline Hillaire  
Robert Sherwood  
Maria Petrish

1997

Phillip Levine  
Walla Walla Symphony  
Citizens of Metaline Falls  
Tacoma Art Museum  
Carlton Appelo  
Sara Quaempts  
Maria Seo  
Wing Luke Museum

1998

Max Benjamin  
Hedgebrooks Writers Retreat  
Alan Iglitzin and the Philadelphia  
String Quartet  
Skaidrite Abolins  
Ed Carriere  
Trinidad Marquez

1999

Walter Graham  
Jack Mackie  
Museum of Northwest Art  
Gloria Napalani Fujii  
Michael Vlahovich  
Bin-Liang Wang

2000

Crossroads Youth Theater  
Sam Hamill  
Linda Oestriech  
Ralph Bennett  
Mariachi Huenachi  
Irene Martin

2001

Artist Trust

2001 *continued*

Carol Hassen  
Gail Tremblay  
Salvador Baldovinos  
Tatjana Krynytzky  
Hazel Pete

2002-2005 No awards presented

2006

Warren Chang  
Fabrication Specialities Ltd  
Southeast Effective Development  
(SEED) Arts Program  
Peter Donnelly  
Virginia Beavert  
Wilho Saari  
Wapato Indian Club

2007

Richard Elliott  
Elizabeth Herres Miller  
Gage Academy of Art  
Michael Sandner  
Elaine Grinnell  
Pete Peterson, Sr.  
Skye K. Richendrfer

2008 -2011 No awards presented

2012

Book-It Repertory Theatre  
Robert Maki  
Lucia Perillo  
Bailadores de Bronce  
Heritage University  
Johnny Moses  
Maurice Rouman

2013 No awards presented

2014

Arts Council of Snohomish County  
(The Schack Arts Center)  
Norie Sato  
Speight Jenkins  
The Evergreen State College  
Longhouse Education and  
Cultural Center  
Earl Davis  
Johnpaul Jones

2015

Linda Hartzell  
Northwest Sinfonietta  
Jamie Valadez  
Northwest Heritage Resources

2015 *continued*  
Heidi Arbogast  
Benjamin Hunter

2016  
Dr. Quinton Morris  
Oscar M. Galvan  
Asia Pacific Cultural Center  
Barbara Earl Thomas  
Vashon Center for the Arts

2017  
Peter Christenson  
Terrance Robert Bernard Shaw  
Living Voices  
Lynn Di Nino  
Seattle Art Museum  
Deva Leinani Aiko Yamashiro

2018  
Preston Singletary  
Jim Kelly  
Paul G. Allen  
Leah Wilson-Velasco  
Edmund Littlefield Jr.  
Mery Swanson

2018 *continued*  
Get Lit! Programs  
Patsy Surh O'Connell  
Port of Kennewick

2019  
Michael Spafford  
Juan Alonso-Rodriguez  
Matthew Cadman  
Davin Diaz  
Anne Banks  
The 5th Avenue Theatre  
Juan Manuel Barco  
Northwest Native American  
Basketweavers Association

2020 No awards presented

2021  
Asia Pacific Cultural Center  
Douglas Orr  
Gallery One  
Spokane Valley Summer Theatre  
Jeremy Whittington  
Path with Art  
Akuyea Karen Vargas  
Delbert Richardson



**King County**

## Two King County Creative Initiatives

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Groundbreaking work like this doesn't happen in a political environment without advocacy. We salute Governor Inslee for awarding Executive Constantine the Governor's Arts Advocacy Award, and acknowledging his strong leadership on creative economy and cultural ecosystem challenges.



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ISLAND**



**S T U D I O S**



## TONY GOMEZ

### MASTER OF CEREMONIES

**Antonio M. Gomez** works across education, the arts and public media. As Director of Community Engagement & Extended Learning at Tacoma Arts Live, Tony focuses on creating economically and culturally accessible experiences for all ages. A former K12 teacher, he's designed curricula for PBS, KCTS 9, and arts nonprofits. Tony addresses



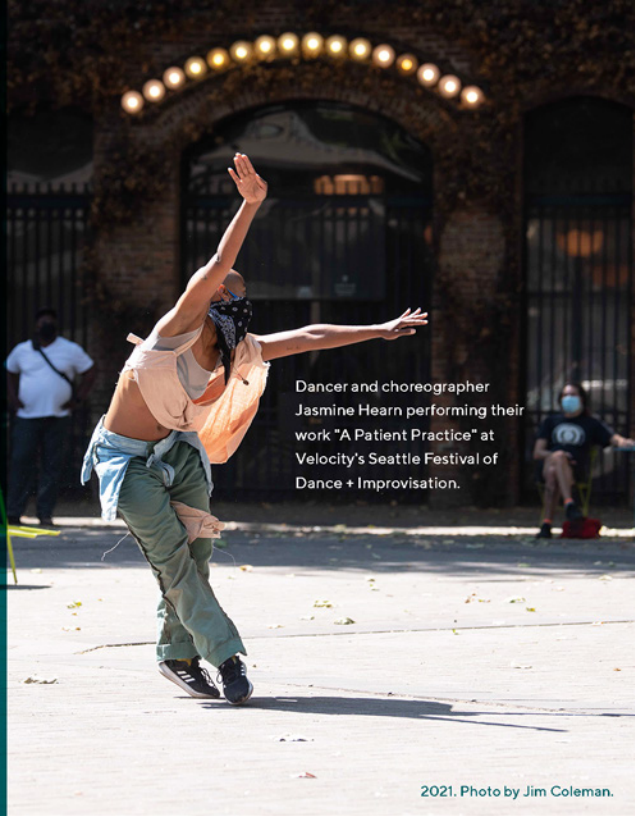
arts ecosystems as vice president of the Western Arts Alliance, has collaborated with the Center for Washington Cultural Traditions and is a former speaker for Humanities Washington. A working percussionist, he co-founded Trío Guadalevín, collaborates with various West Coast ensembles, and curates Deep Roots, New Branches for Early Music Seattle. Tony completed his MA in Education at UC Berkeley and has studied music and culture in Latin America, North Africa and Southern Europe.



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Teaching Artist Training Lab\*

Washington Youth Arts Leadership

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## **Building for the Arts\*\***

## **Wellness, Arts, and the Military**

## **Washington State Poet Laureate†**

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## **Governor's Arts & Heritage Awards**

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\*\* *in partnership with the Department of Commerce*

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*Alchemy 11 (2021) by Rachel Wold. Located at Foothills Elementary, Buckley.*



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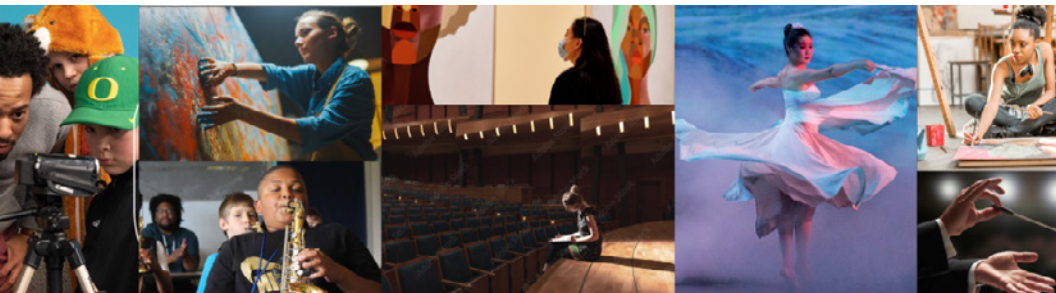
## Heritage Awards

Individual | Carol Emarthle-Douglas  
Individual | Deepti Agrawal  
Organization | Historic Lincoln Theatre

Thank you to all the awardees for contributing to the health and wellbeing of our communities across all of Washington State.

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Reese Tanimura, Seattle  
Rebecca Redshaw, Mount Vernon  
Linley Logan, Bremerton

## Staff support

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Adrienne Kerrigan  
Michael Wallenfels  
with Glenda Carino

## Event host

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## Master of ceremonies

Tony Gomez

## Art glass awards

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## Video production

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## Event photography

Shanna Paxton Photography

*Flores del Sol (Flowers of the Sun) (2020) by Consuelo Soto Murphy.*



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