



National
Aphasia
Association



2025 NIGHT OF APHASIA ARTS **FEATURED ARTISTS**

THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE
ARTISTS WHO SUBMITTED
THEIR WORK TO THE NAA!



VISUAL ART

Alfonso Offreda.....	Landscape with Houses
Anithia Carlisle.....	"Out in the Country"
.....	"At the Church"
Amber Miller.....	"Broken"
Beverly Molander.....	"Paintings by Beverly"
Craig Smith.....	"Wrights Lake and Bouquets of Arts"
Dayna Melillo.....	Self Portrait
.....	"Self Portrait with Golden Hair"
Diana Degraffenreidt.....	"DD Pottery"
Douglas G. Campbell.....	"Mourning Myself "
.....	"Crash "
Elaine Peterson.....	"Squiggles"
.....	"Flowers"
Elizabeth Hindinger.....	"I am by Falling"
.....	"Children"
Jan Burl	"The Cardinal"
Jenn Derry.....	"I've Been Erased"
Jim Taylor.....	"Autumn Waterscape"
Joan McInerney.....	"Vase of Flowers"
John Cormick.....	"Sunflowers"
John Cumpston.....	"Still Life with Cheese"
John Yaeger	Untitled
.....	Untitled
Kitti Tong.....	"The Orbit"
LaVerne Reid.....	"The Owl"
.....	"Lost Open"
.....	"Still Waiting"
Letty Perez.....	"Percy"
Lisa Gonzalez.....	"Winter Wonderland"

Mack Morinvil..... "Enchanted Village"
 "God Gave You Everything" (Unfinished)

Marie Kavadias..... Untitled
 "Life Love Human"

Mark David Chappell..... "My Tribe Tree"
 "Aphasia Ain't No Friend of Mine"

Margaret Anderson..... "Ocean, Very Pretty"

Marguerite Thomas..... "Woman, Sun and People"

Martina Beverly..... "Become an Aphasia Ambassador"

Mary Nishimoto..... Abstract

Michelle Humphrey..... "Stroke Mom Sea Turtle"
 "Stroke Mom Eyes"

Naiyah Vardiman "Equality"
 "Black Beauty"

Pamela Van Arsdale..... "Flowers"
 "Confusion"

Patricia Mayer..... "The Soul Moves First"

Patrick Shanahan..... "All files have title, size "

Penny Cothran..... "Blue Horse"
 "Trees"
 "Phoenix Born in Golden Ashes"
 "The NOT the Pretty of all."
 Paintings before & after stroke

Rebecca "Aphasia Boat "

Richard Kimble..... "Armour 1"

Rick Ables..... "My Journey With God"

Robyn Bellospirito..... "Aphasia"
 "The Song of a Quotation"

Rochelle M. Anderson..... "Aphasia Hospital"
 "Aphasia in Seeds"

Roger Poelsen..... Landscape

RoseMarie Peterkin..... "Daisy Day"

..... "Front Door"

Susan Estes..... "Sunday"

..... "Day at the Beach"

Tommy Devany..... "Umbrella Woman"

William Mitchell "Peaceful complication"

Brooks Rehab Aphasia Center: Stephanie, Glory, Tom, Shawne... "Anyone Can Draw"

Brooks Rehab Aphasia Center: Aaron, Helen, Marie, Glory "All You Need is Love"

Brooks Rehab Aphasia Center: Kerry, Larry, Terry, Mary, Steve, Glory, Jose, Mitch.....

..... "This is Me"

Brooks Rehab Aphasia Center: Stephanie, Michael, Stacey, Allen Woodworking

Cal State East Bay Treatment Program Summer 2023 Art Group..... "Beautiful Brain"

PHOTOGRAPHY

Ann Trent..... "Reflections"

..... Sweet Blossoms

Dixie Smith..... " Jacksonville Sunsets"

Holly Budd..... "Birds in Melbourne"

..... "Cardinal in the Snow"

Jason Harrison..... "San Francisco Sunset"

..... "Sunset Over the City"

..... "Moon Over the City"

Jorge Salazar..... "Aphasia is Confusion"

..... "Aphasia Feels Like Wearing A Mask"

..... "Recreating a new path"

..... "Summer:

..... "Daughter"

..... "Sunday Afternoons"

..... "Teenagers"

Jules Bryant..... "Emergence"

..... "This moment"

Keith Aspenleiter.....	"Chicken Jail"
.....	"The Cat House"
.....	"La frazada"
.....	"Half gone"
.....	"Bungalow in the Woods"
.....	"Picture of Nectar"
.....	"Me and My Sis"
Keith Aspenleiter.....	"Scoundrel"
Tanya Locklair.....	"I am no longer the person that was before aphasia. It's my new normal "
.....	"Dad and My Auntie"
Tanya Locklair.....	"Aphasia is a solo endeavor"
.....	"My Walking "Crew""
.....	"Travel is Difficult and Different"
.....	"Summertime in RTP"

MIXED MEDIA ART

Paul LoBrutto.....	Goose and Swan Pottery – Year One
Keri Andrews.....	Customized Puppet

POETRY

Poetry Performances

Butch.....	"Butch Goodwin Jr."
James Stephens.....	Six Aphasic Poems
Mark Harder.....	"Carry That Weight"
Melissa H Champion.....	"Leaves"
Michael Obel-Omia.....	"The Feeling of Not Being Able"
Ms. Mert Robinson.....	"A Poem For My Love"

Naomi Bitter..... "The Final Goodbye"

Written Poetry

Douglas G. Campbell..... "Ode to Baby Squirrel"

..... "A Day in The Life"

Charade Barbera..... "2,500,000 survivors"

Crystal L. Stewart-Batson "Aphasia "

James B. Jett..... "Aphasia Ambassador "

James Stephens..... Poetry by James Stephens

Jan Burl..... "I Have Learned...."

Jo Carroll "Recovery of Identity Theft"

Kathryn Paulson..... "My Oubliette"

Lisa Kenny "I Want to Live My Life"

..... "Summer Sunday"

Lisa Smith "Here! Here! For the Caregivers "

Michael Obel Omia..... "The Feeling of Not Being Able"

Naomi Bitter..... "The Final Goodbye"

Robert P Parker..... "KER--BLAM"

Sean Joseph Mackey..... "Checking the Mail"

Sheela Vinod..... "Sheela Vinod"

..... "My expectations"

TAP Virtual Groups Games and Puzzle Group..... "Snow Haiku"

University of South Carolina Aphasia Lab Virtual Group..... "Be YOU"

THEATER, MUSIC, & DANCE

Theater

Malik Gillani..... Monologue by Georgina Gimenez, "The Mirror Within."

Center for the Study of Aphasia Recovery: Michael Child; Deidre Harris; James Jett;

Elaine Justice Boyd; Sara Egazarian; Charles Nottingham; Buffy Stoner; Woody Thompson; Marcus Ryninger..... "Improvisation Show, by Play on Words, an Aphasic Drama Group"

The Adler Aphasia Center: Lilian Panday, Jim Graper, Javed Ispahany, Lisa Gonzalez, Mary Nishimoto, John Rosas, Mike Hornbostel, Mark Cavanaugh .."Mission Adler"

Robbinsdale Adult Academic Program Classes for Stroke and Brain Injury Survivors:
Art History Talk: Rochelle Anderson, Bruce Carter, Troy Dahnke, Peter Kiley, Erin McDonald, Clare Sierra

Terry Hatch..... "Aphasia Notes" (without spoken words)

Dance

Tanya Powell..... Coasting Line Dance Video

Music*

Sing Aphasia "Tomorrow" from Annie

Donald Smith..... "Amazing Grace"

Rick Ables..... "How Great Thou Art"

Brooks Rehabilitation Aphasia Center: Allen, Mary, Steve, Tom, Aaron, Kerry, Glory, Vanette, Stephanie, DarrickChristmas Caroling

Cowboy Aphasia Camp..... "Aphasia Fighting"

STAR Program Choir....."You Are My Sunshine"

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A reminder that this event and links to all of the pdf/booklets will be available on the website: www.aphasia.org and our YouTube channel.

Art Auction:

For the first time ever, the NAA features a NOAA Art Auction. The generosity and graciousness evident by the artists who donated our inaugural items, reveal how they truly care about the mission of the NAA. We are beyond grateful!

Our benefactors include:

Keri Andrews

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Dr. and Mrs. Gary Bachers

The Thursday Evening Poets

George Halpin

Allen Oliver

Please visit the [auction website](#) to learn more about these amazing artists:

Tonight's Hosts:

Angie Cauthorn: Angie Cauthorn, stroke survivor, aphasia advocate, Eagles fan, and cat mom, is a champion for stroke and aphasia patients. She founded the ROSA (Resource Orientation for Stroke & Aphasia) conference, co-founded ARCH (Aphasia Resource Collaboration Hub), and co-hosts the international fan-favorite podcast called Brain Friends. She is also a member of aphasia organizations that support those affected by these conditions, including serving on the Board of Directors for the National Aphasia Association.

Maura Silverman: Maura is the Executive Director of the National Aphasia Association. Prior to this dream job, Maura founded the Triangle Aphasia Project Unlimited in NC. Her career as a Speech Language Pathologist allowed her the opportunity to serve persons with aphasia and their families across the continuum of care. Despite the incredible opportunities that have been allotted to Maura throughout her career, she credits her lived experience as a carepartner for her mom as the source of her greatest lessons. Insight into the true impact of aphasia on an individual, their family, friendships, life interests and goals reignited her resolve to improve aphasia awareness and the quality of life for all aphasia journeys. Maura's husband, 4 sons (& their respective others), granddaughter and her dog, Joy, are considered her "Why".

Night of Aphasia Arts 2025 Contributions:

This year, the NAA tapped into the ideas, talents and creativity of: Alyssa Zunic, Cindy Concannon, Dr. Gillian Velmer, Dr. Jerry Hoepner and Kasia Ustowska-Gmerek. We could not have created this event without the hours of organization, work and commitment of our Operations Team (aka: "The Dream Team"): Katherine Noyes, Elsie Keifer, Kiiya Shibata and Denise McCall.

Most importantly:

The National Aphasia Association wishes to thank every artist who shared a piece of themselves with us. Your humble engagement serves to inspire each of us with the understanding that we are capable of communicating far beyond what speech can express. And to the carepartners, families and providers who assisted in the presentation of these expressions to our community...you amplify these amazing voices and are so appreciated!

The National Aphasia Association is honored to serve in our mission to support, educate, advocate and connect and we can not do this without the generous gifts of our community. Consider a donation today in honor of one of these artists or someone that you love with aphasia.

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