



## **"Joyous Journey": An Art Trails Raffle Benefiting Artstart**

The raffling of "Joyous Journey", a painting donated by Sonoma County Art Trails, will benefit Artstart, an award-winning non-profit that empowers teens to explore their creativity and encourages them to engage with their communities, bringing beauty to the world around them.

This vibrant painting is a collaboration of four Art Trails artists: **Micah Schwaberow, Nicole Ours, Gen Zorich, and Michael Palace.**

This painting began with Micah. When he passed in 2022, Nicole chose to continue the painting, Sadly, she passed 3 months later. Gen then completed the painting, deriving great healing and comfort from the process. When it came time to frame the painting, Michael, a furniture maker, handmade a custom frame out of cherrywood in honor of Nicole, who a few years prior had gifted him cherrywood from a cherry tree in her yard. "Joyous Journey" captures the spirit, love, and devotion of these four friends and artists to Art Trails and support of young artists.

Joyous Journey is offered by Art Trails which is a program of Sebastopol Center for the Arts.

Proceeds benefit Artstart. Tickets are \$25 each, 5 for \$100, 30 for \$500

Tickets are available at <https://www.artstart.us/raffle>. For more information call 707.546.2345

The painting is on display at Corrick's 637 Fourth Street, Santa Rosa.

The drawing will be held at the conclusion of the 2023 Art Trails, Sunday, October 15, 2023, 3PM at the Sebastopol Center for the Arts.

*Artstart continues to make significant impacts in the lives of local teens. Community funding remains essential to continue this work. Artstart is an award-winning, 501(c)3 non-profit educational arts organization serving all of Sonoma County since 1999.*

*Our mission is to provide mentoring and stimulating arts work experience for Sonoma County youth, while creating public and private art for our community.*

Learn more about our work at [www.artstart.us](http://www.artstart.us).

For information, please visit [www.artstart.us](http://www.artstart.us), call 707.546.2345 or email [info@artstart.us](mailto:info@artstart.us).

Artstart is located at 317 Sutton Place, Santa Rosa, California.