



# City of Berkeley Proclamation

## Honoring the 2024 Berkeley Music and Art Summit

**WHEREAS,** The City of Berkeley has a long and rich history of supporting the arts in all of its multitudinous forms and recognizes the value of the arts as a vital pathway for advancing human creativity, building community, and fostering inclusiveness; and

**WHEREAS,** this artistic tradition is facing unprecedented challenges resulting from the pandemic, during which many people have lost that vital connection to in-person experiences; and

**WHEREAS,** the leadership of the Berkeley Symphony and Freight & Salvage, two of Berkeley's leading non-profit arts organizations, recognized the critical importance of addressing these challenges to ensure that the City of Berkeley continues to be a thriving environment for arts and culture; and

**WHEREAS,** Valued members of the Berkeley nonprofits arts community organized the 2024 Music & Art Summit that took place on June 3<sup>rd</sup> on the campuses of Freight & Salvage and the California Jazz Conservatory, convening for the first time more than a dozen leaders of local arts organizations to talk about the challenges of bringing patrons back to in-person performances and art exhibits; and

**WHEREAS,** the inaugural Summit created a pathway for the City of Berkeley arts community to connect and inspired meaningful discussions around opportunities to collaborate on managing operational costs and creating new experiences that audiences will love.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, **Jesse Arreguin**, Mayor of the City of Berkeley, do hereby commend local arts leaders for their initiative and newfound partnership.



*Jesse Arreguin*

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Mayor

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