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Community School of Music and Arts Presents *A Woman's Life on Twin Pines Farm, 1845-1938*

MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA – The Community School of Music and Arts (CSMA) in Mountain View presents *A Woman's Life on Twin Pines Farm, 1845-1938*, featuring poetry and images from Nancy Huxtable Mohr. The exhibition will be on display in CSMA's Mohr Gallery from September 7 through October 21. There will be an artist reception on Sunday, October 7 from 3-5pm, featuring a poetry reading from *The Well, Poems from Twin Pines Farm*, as well as music from CSMA's 1920's Steinway Player Piano.

A Woman's Life on Twin Pines Farm, 1845-1938 tells the story of Nancy Huxtable Mohr's family through poetry, photos and items from her farm and other collections during the era of the Suffragist Movement. The exhibition focuses on the stories of three women - a microcosm of the vast changes in the United States during that time period – and how they sustained their families and the land. The poems and images in the exhibition and the book, *The Well, Poems from Twin Pines Farm* are based on the diaries and letters found in a pine trunk recounting the lives of Mohr's grandmothers, as well as family stories passed through generations. From the beginning of the Seneca Falls Convention in 1845 to the passing of 19th Amendment in 1938, these women wrote of their aspirations, ingenuity, despair and unconquerable ability to thrive whatever the circumstances they encountered.

Nancy Huxtable Mohr was born a farmer's daughter and raised on Twin Pines Farm, a two hundred-year-old family farm in Upstate New York. She graduated from Cornell University and has a California State Teacher's Credential. She lives in Northern California and has worked in the arts for 50 years both professionally and as a volunteer and taught with California Poets in the Schools. She is published in literary journals. *The Well, Poems from Twin Pines Farm* is her first book.

For more information about this exhibition, visit www.arts4all.org. For artist interviews and additional images, contact Sharon Kenney, Director of Marketing & Communications, at 650-917-6800, ext 305 or skenney@arts4all.org.

EVENT CALENDAR INFORMATION:

WHAT: *A Woman's Life on Twin Pines Farm, 1845-1938*, by Nancy Huxtable Mohr

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WHERE: Mohr Gallery, Community School of Music and Arts (CSMA)
Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View, CA

WHEN: September 7 through October 21, 2018
Artist Reception: Sunday, October 7, 3-5pm

COST: Exhibition and reception are free and open to the public.

INFO: www.arts4all.org; 650-917-6800, ext 305

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Founded in 1968, the Community School of Music and Arts is Northern California's largest non-profit provider of arts education programs. With a \$6 million budget and 160-member staff and faculty, CSMA is one of the ten largest community schools in the United States. Located in the heart of Silicon Valley, one of the global capitals of creativity, CSMA is dedicated to making the arts and arts education accessible to all, regardless of age, experience, background or financial means. Headquartered in the award-winning Finn Center in the City of Mountain View, CSMA directly serves over 26,000 people of all ages, skill levels and economic means each year, including over 24,000 students at 58 schools in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties.

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