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Summer Arts Youth Program Grants Announced
\$100,000 distributed to Sonoma Arts Organizations

SONOMA COUNTY, Calif. -- The Board of Supervisors announced today that 12 grants have been awarded for summer arts youth program across the County. Summer Arts programs will take place between now and September 30 at art centers, schools and community centers. The grant program was administrated by Creative Sonoma, a countywide arts initiative through the County’s Economic Development Board.

Projects that were funded will serve students in age ranges from 2 to 18, and include programs that teach young people arts skills in music, theater, dance, photography and more. Workshops also include training in the business skills necessary to have a career in a creative field, and life skills such as communication, working in teams and developing self confidence.

“We are encouraged to see how much activity takes place in Sonoma over the summer to offer opportunities for personal exploration and development through the arts” said Board of Supervisors Chair Susan Gorin.

This allocation of \$100,000 from Sonoma County represents additional funding for the arts community of Sonoma, recognizing the ongoing efforts of nonprofit organizations and artists to bring arts exploration to young people.

GRANTEES LIST AND CONTACT INFO

Awardee	Amount	Contact Person	Email
6 th Street Playhouse	\$10,000	Craig Miller	craig@6thstreetplayhouse.com
ARTescape	\$7,500	Jean Prominski-Shepard	jean@artescapesonoma.org
Artstart	\$9,000	Samantha Kimpel	samantha@artstart.us
California Poets in the Schools	\$3,000	Jackie Hallerberg	jackiehallerberg@earthlink.net
Healdsburg Center for the Arts	\$5,000	Diana Jameson	info@healdsburgcenterforthearts.com
H-Town Youth Theatre	\$6,000	Argo Thompson	argothompson@gmail.com
The Imaginists	\$1,500	Amy Pinto	amy@theimaginists.org
Petaluma Arts Center	\$14,000	Val Richman	vrichman@petalumaartscenter.org
Santa Rosa Symphony	\$9,000	Heather Ah San	hahsan@santarosasympphony.com
Sebastopol Center for the Arts	\$8,500	Linda Galetta	lindag@sebarts.org
Transcendence Theater	\$7,500	Brad Surosky	brad@ttcsonoma.org
Wells Fargo Center for the Arts	\$19,000	Robin Seltzer	rseltzer@wellsfargocenterarts.org

For more information on Creative Sonoma and the Summer Arts Youth Program Grants, please contact Kristen Madsen at kristen.madsen@sonoma-county.org.

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