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GET NEWS: Stories and Updates

HELP US ADVANCE ARTS EDUCATION IN SONOMA COUNTY



Students from Santa Rosa's Lincoln Elementary perform at the survey launch event.

Creative Sonoma is working with the Sonoma County Arts Education Alliance to manage a county-wide assessment of the state of arts education in our schools. We are targeting school teachers and administrators, district leaders, parents, arts organizations and funders to gain an understanding of the current state of affairs. Once we have a clear picture of what's happening in our schools, we can develop a plan to address any gaps and work toward equitable access for all students.

It is especially important that we get feedback from all corners of our County. **Can you help us? We specifically need more feedback from parents, teachers and administrators in the following districts:**

TEACHERS

Bellevue Union
Cinnabar
Cloverdale Unified
Cotati-Rohnert Park Unified
Dunham
Forestville Union
Horicon
Kashia
Kenwood
Liberty
Monte Rio Union
Montgomery Elementary
Old Adobe Union
Sebastopol Union
Two Rock Union
Waugh
West Sonoma County Union High
Wilmar Union

PARENTS

Bellevue Union
Cinnabar
Cloverdale Unified
Dunham
Forestville Union
Fort Ross Elementary
Geyserville Unified
Guerneville
Harmony Union
Horicon
Kashia
Liberty
Monte Rio Union
Montgomery Elementary
Roseland
Two Rock Union
Waugh
Wilmar Union
Wright School District

If you fit any of those categories, or know people who do, please go to www.CreativeSonoma.org/ArtsEducation, select the survey that fits who you are, and complete it. The survey takes about 10-15 minutes and you can be entered into a drawing to win \$25 gift cards to local restaurants. The deadline is **March 6, 2017**.

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WHAT WE'RE UP TO: ARTS EDUCATION INNOVATION GRANTS PROGRAM

We are very happy to be partnering with [Community Foundation Sonoma County](#) (CFSC) on arts education grants this year. While CFSC has been providing grants in arts education previously, this joint program has a new focus on providing arts education to young people who may not have access otherwise. We are hoping to stimulate new and innovative programs, partnerships, and ways to get art-making to occur with young people who might not do it otherwise.

The guidelines and application information are available [HERE](#). The deadline to apply is **March 24, 2017, 4:00 pm**.



ONGOING CREATIVE SONOMA ACTIVITIES:

Visit the [Discovered: Emerging Artists of Sonoma County](#) exhibit at Petaluma Arts Center, on view through **March 18, 2017**.

Check out upcoming *free* Creative Sonoma Workshops:

Forming a New Creative Nonprofit, **March 22, 2017**
Managing Stress and Avoiding Burnout for Creatives on **March 29, 2017**

And watch for more information about the 2nd Annual Next Level Music Conference: SAVE the DATE for **May 6 & 7, 2017**.

Read more and register for workshops via our [Upcoming Activities](#) page.

PS: Next week, **March 6-12**, is Sonoma County Restaurant Week - have fun supporting local culinary arts! [Website](#) / [Facebook](#) / [Open Table](#). *Bon Appetit!*

[LEARN MORE](#)

WHAT WE'RE READING: HOW THE ARTS IMPROVE LIVES

[Createquity](#) is a "think tank and online publication investigating the most important issues in the arts and what we, collectively and individually, can do about them." Their recent article, titled **Everything We Know About Whether and How the Arts Improve Lives**, is a round-up and review of literature and research on the topic.



The four areas they focus on are the Arts + Economic Vitality, Social Cohesion, Physical and Mental Health, and Education and Personal Development. Their findings includes research that *does support* the following statements, among others:

- Arts and cultural activities may contribute to **drawing a skilled workforce**, therefore drawing investment to an area or region.
- Participation in the arts may **promote pro-social or civic behaviors** like voting, volunteering, or attending community meetings.
- Participatory arts activities help to **maintain the health and quality of life** of older adults.
- Low-income students probably **benefit disproportionately from access** to arts education.

Writing an arts or culture grant? Visit Createquity to find research to support the potential impact of your program or project.

Click the Learn More button to go to the article.

[LEARN MORE](#)

GET KNOWLEDGE: Trainings and Conferences

Creative Sonoma Workshops

ESSENTIALS: Forming a New Nonprofit Organization

March 22, 2017, 5:30-7:00pm, Creative Sonoma, Santa Rosa

Presenter: Daryl Reese, Attorney at Law

ESSENTIALS: Managing Stress and Avoiding Burnout for Creatives

March 29, 2017, 5:30-7:00pm, Songbird Community Healing Arts Center, Cotati

Presenter: Jen Julius. Leadership Coach

ESSENTIALS: Protect Yourself or Your Organization: The ABC's of Contracts and Agreements

April 12, 2017, 5:30-7:00pm, Creative Sonoma, Santa Rosa

Presenter: Daryl Reese, Attorney at Law

Visit [Upcoming Activities](#) on our website for descriptions and registration links.

If you have suggestions for workshops that could support and advance your creative work, please email your ideas or requests to creativesonoma@sonoma-county.org.

Conferences/Professional Development

2017 CREATE CA Annual Statewide Convening for Arts Education:

Creative Schools for All: Collaboration Creates Change

Participants will learn about new, effective practices and the role that collaboration has played in those successes to increase quality arts education for ALL students.

Registration open until full. Conference dates are **March 14 & 15, 2017**.

[More Information](#)

2017 Americans for the Arts Convention

For the 2017 Annual Convention, Americans for the Arts and our members are heading to San Francisco to explore this iconic arts destination and to discuss the pressing issues of equity, accessibility, and community building., **June 16-18, 2017**.

[More Information](#)

Check out MORE [Professional Development](#) opportunities in our online Marketplace.

GET CONNECTED: Creative Calls, Grants, Jobs & More

Calls to Creatives

CASTING CALL: Dancers ages 10 & Up for "Fairy Worlds"

6th Street playhouse is holding a dance audition for this summer's Shakespeare in the Cannery production of Fairy Worlds! This is a new adaptation of Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream. Auditions will be held at The Dance Center adjacent to 6th St. Playhouse from 11:30am-2pm this Sunday, **March 5, 2017**.

[More Information](#)

CALL TO ARTISTS: Sebastopol Center for the Arts: Exhibition 60+

A repeat of the wildly successful salon style show we had in our former gallery on Depot Street, this exhibition will specifically feature work by artists 60 and over. One piece per artist. Intake is **March 29, 2017**.

[More Information](#)

WANTED: Film cast, crew, housing (low budget, community-fueled film)

Sonoma County native Angie Powers will be shooting an ultra, ultra-low budget feature film in Sebastopol, roughly **April 7-17**. Looking for PEOPLE FOR THE FILM, cast, crew, and hosts/ housing.

[More Information](#)

Check out **MORE** [Calls to Creatives](#) in Creative Sonoma's online Marketplace.

Grants & Awards

California State Library: California Civil Liberties Program Grant

The California Civil Liberties Public Education Program is a state-funded grant project to sponsor public educational activities and development of educational materials to ensure that the events surrounding the exclusion, forced removal, and internment of civilians & permanent resident aliens of Japanese ancestry will be remembered so that the causes & circumstance of this & similar events may be illuminated & understood.

Deadline March 20, 2017.

[More Information](#)

Arts Education Innovation Grants Program

In 2017, the Community Foundation of Sonoma County, in partnership with Creative Sonoma, is launching a competitive grants program to support new and innovative ideas that specifically engage students ages 2-18 with limited access to high-quality arts education. **Deadline March 24, 2017.**

[More Information](#)

Check out **MORE** [Funding Opportunities](#) in Creative Sonoma's online Marketplace.

Jobs & Internships

Luther Burbank Center for the Arts: Director of Marketing and Patron Services

The Director of Marketing and Patron Services is responsible for the overall stewardship, strategy, and management of the Luther Burbank Center for the Arts.

[More Information](#)

Art Escape: Director of Development

The Director of Development is a new, part-time position responsible for creating and implementing a comprehensive, multi-year strategic development plan for Art Escape.

[More Information](#)

Occidental Community Choir: Part-Time Choir Director

The OCC creates, performs, and promotes choral music composed primarily by its members. Our music reflects a wide range of personal experience and represents the

authentic connections we have with one another and the community at large. The Music Director position is part-time, year-round and averages approximately 8 hours per week. The deadline to apply is **March 15, 2017**.

[More Information](#)

Check out **MORE [Jobs/Internships](#)** in Creative Sonoma's online Marketplace.

Volunteer Opportunities

Raven Performing Arts Theater: Various Volunteer Positions and Committees

The Raven Performing Arts Theater management team is simply a group of individuals from a wide range of backgrounds united in a single goal - to give performing arts a permanent home in our own backyard.

[More Information](#)

Transcendence Theater Company: Support through Volunteering!

Team Transcendence is comprised of a passionate group of Transcendence supporters who, year after year, continue to make our productions a reality. Share your skills with us and come celebrate in the magic of a Transcendence performance.

[More Information](#)

Check out **MORE [Volunteer Opportunities](#)** in Creative Sonoma's online Marketplace.

WITH SUPPORT FROM



The mission of Creative Sonoma is to support and advance the creative community of Sonoma County. We define the creative community as individuals, organizations and businesses whose work is creative at its core. This includes artists,

nonprofit cultural organizations, and creative enterprises such as design firms, galleries, recording and video studios, and more.



The e-newsletter CURRENTS is published on the first Thursday of each month: please submit potential items a week in advance to creativesonoma@sonoma-county.org.

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