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GET NEWS: Stories and Updates

ANNOUNCING 28 RECIPIENTS OF 3 GRANT PROGRAMS

Creative Sonoma is proud to have significantly expanded our grant making portfolio this year. Over the past few months, we have awarded $184,000 to 28 recipients for creative creative projects through our Arts Education Innovation, Pop-Up Creativity, and Summer Arts Youth Program Grants.

The Arts Education Innovation and Pop-Up Creativity awards brought our total grant making for the 2017 Fiscal Year to $204,500, a $104,000 increase over the prior year. And by the end of July, we'll have kicked off our 2018 Fiscal Year by not only awarding $100,000 to arts organizations for our third year of Summer Arts Youth Program Grants, but also $12,500 to 5 musicians or bands in our second year of funding through Next Level Music Grants.
These grants will fund projects across the county to enliven neighborhoods, communities and schools through the arts, and play a central role in the Creative Sonoma mission to advance and support the creative community.

CONGRATULATIONS to all the grantees, which are listed on our website. Click on the READ MORE button for the lists of the grantees and their projects.

ARTISTS (ALL DISCIPLINES): DO YOU WANT TO TEACH AT AN ARTS SUMMER CAMP FOR OLDER ADULTS?

Creative Sonoma is working with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLi) at Sonoma State University (SSU) on a project that would pair Sonoma County teaching artists with local older adults (50+) on SSU's campus for a summer "Arts Camp" in 2018. We are seeking outside funding to support the program, including a training program for the local artists selected to teach.

Before we move forward, we are assessing the interest level of our artists to participate in this program. We are in the planning stages now, so there are many questions still to be answered. And some of those answers will come from you. If you are interested in teaching your artistic discipline in this kind of program, please click on the Take Survey button (it's brief and easy, and will help us a lot!).

TAKE SURVEY!

CREATIVITY AND SUMMER: READING RECOMMENDATIONS

Enjoy these lists and recommendations that round up great books to read if you want a personal creativity boost, or if you are on the search for ideas to reinvent or rethink the vitality of your organization, or if you just need to laugh!

Summer Reading: Top 5 Books to Read for a Creativity Boost includes the books The Artist's Way, The War of Art, Creativity Inc., Ignore Everybody, and Steal Like an Artist, which is written in a fun, graphic novel format, and is chock full of fun advice.

The Art of Relevance by Nina Simon explores how "mission-driven organizations can matter more to more people. The book is packed with inspiring examples, rags-to-relevance case studies, research-
based frameworks, and practical advice on how your work can be more vital to your community."

**8 Summer Books to Keep You Laughing** is a list of titles from Kirkus Reviews, and includes *Who is Rich?* by Matthew Klam, illustrated by John Cuneo. The novel is narrated by Rich, a "down-on-his-luck cartoonist besieged by worries about money, art, and infidelity." Huffpost's **46 Hilarious Books Guaranteed to Make You Laugh Out Loud** includes a range of classics to recent comedic memoirs.

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**GET KNOWLEDGE: Trainings and Conferences**

**Creative Sonoma Workshops and Events**

*Watch for the announcement of our Fall Workshops, coming late this summer!*

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**

**Developing & Implementing Dance Curricula-A (DIDC-A) - Berkeley**

DIDC-A is a comprehensive overview of standards-based dance education across age levels. Content covers: structuring discrete lessons aligned with the National Core Arts Standards, integrating dance into curricula, understanding dance elements (H'Doubler and Laban), child development theory, role of the teacher and instructional methods. Invigorate your teaching and learning with DIDC-A this summer. **July 31-August 4, 2017.**

[More Information](#)

**3rd Annual Creativity at the Core Summer Institute - San Jose**

This exciting 3-day institute, July 26-28 at the Santa Clara County Office of Education in San Jose, will feature educational leaders, teaching artists, arts specialists, and inspirational speakers from across the state, including a two-part workshop on Strategic Arts Planning led by Peggy Burt, Senior Advisor for the California Alliance Arts Planning Initiative. **July 26-28, 2017.**

[More Information](#)
National Guild for Community Arts Education Conference - San Francisco
The Conference for Community Arts Education addresses the specific needs of nonprofit arts education organizations and provides support for expanding equitable access to arts learning opportunities in communities across the country. November 15-18, 2017.
More Information

Check out MORE Professional Development opportunities in our online Marketplace.

GET CONNECTED: Creative Calls, Grants, Jobs & More

Calls to Creatives

CALL TO ARTISTS: Arts Guild of Sonoma
The Arts Guild of Sonoma is celebrating 40 years as a nonprofit artists' collective in the heart of Sonoma wine country. That's the power of art. We invite you to share the power of your art in this National Juried Open Show. Submit by July 22, 2017.
More Information

CALL FOR ART: Petaluma Arts Center
The Petaluma Arts Center & the Art Around Town Committee is pleased to announce a CALL FOR ART for the upcoming Petaluma Valley Hospital Show. Works must be appropriate for a hospital venue. Deadline is July 24, 2017.
More Information

CALL FOR ENTRIES: Chroma Gallery
Chroma Gallery, in the heart of Santa Rosa's SOFA arts district is seeking photographs that reveal the gorgeous or fascinating, not often noticed, detail of our world for their upcoming exhibition "Sightings". Drop off dates are July 27, 28, & 29, 2017.
More Information

PUBLIC ART OPPORTUNITY: City of Santa Rosa
The Santa Rosa Recreation & Parks Public Art Program is seeking an artist to design and implement a permanent public art project in Depot Park. Deadline: Aug. 3, 2017.
More Information

Check out MORE Calls to Creatives in Creative Sonoma's online Marketplace.

Grants & Awards

Sonoma County Advertising Program (Category E) Advertising Grants
The Board established this category to assist small cultural, artistic, and countywide events and organizations as well as events occurring during the off peak tourism season with funding for advertising and economic development efforts that promote Sonoma County and encourage visitors to frequent the county throughout the entire year. Applications accepted year-round.
More Information

Levitt Foundation Outdoor Music Concert Program
The Levitt Foundation AMP [Your City] Grant Awards is an exciting matching grant program bringing the joy of free, live music to small and mid-sized towns and cities across the country. **Deadline is October 2, 2017.**

**More Information**

Check out MORE Funding Opportunities in Creative Sonoma's online Marketplace.

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**Jobs & Internships**

**Sebastopol Center for the Arts: Film Program Director**
Do you have a love of film and experience in nonprofit arts management? If you do, then the Sebastopol Center for the Arts needs you as their new Film Program Director!

**More Information**

**Sonoma County Tourism: President/CEO**
SCT is currently seeking a President/CEO to lead them in their mission to promote and elevate Sonoma County.

**More Information**

**Santa Rosa Children’s Chorus: Chorus Manager**
The Santa Rosa Children's Chorus is currently looking for a Chorus Manager to work with the Artistic Director and the Board of Directors in the general management of the concert season.

**More Information**

**a. Bright Idea, LLC: Graphic Design Specialist**
A Graphic Designer asks the right questions, shares insights across teams, communicates constantly (early and often!) with clients and colleagues, leads with a positive attitude, and shares the spotlight for a job well done.

**More Information**

Check out MORE Jobs/Internships in Creative Sonoma's online Marketplace.

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**Volunteer Opportunities**

**Join the Sonoma County Fair by Volunteering**
Holidaze is this year's theme for 11 exciting fun-filled days. Approximately 300,000 people attend the fair each year and volunteers are a valuable part of the fair family by ensuring that those attending have a wonderful, safe, and fun-filled experience.

**More Information**

**Volunteer at the Gravenstein Apple Fair**
The Gravenstein Apple Fair is made possible by the enthusiasm of dedicated volunteers who work together to make the Fair a success each year.

**More Information**

Check out MORE Volunteer Opportunities in Creative Sonoma's online Marketplace.
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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