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GET NEWS: Stories and Updates

ANNOUNCING FIVE NEW GRANTEES

We are pleased to announce the second round of Next Level grant recipients in the amount of $2,500 each. The five awardees were chosen from 46 entries - it was a highly competitive process in an exceptionally talented pool. Thank you to those who took the time to craft and submit applications, and CONGRATULATIONS to the recipients!

The winners and a mini-preview of their proposed projects are:

- **DyaTribal Band** (world music): album mastering, album art, printing cds
- **Manzanita Falls** (indie rock): purchasing used van for touring, recording
- **Marshall House Project** (funk): recording first professional full-length album
- **Oddjob Ensemble** (world music): pressing copies of album, album promo
- **Ratatet / Alan Hall** (jazz): professional recording and filming for new ensemble

Grantees are Sonoma County musicians and bands who have demonstrated that they are ready to take their music careers to the next level. The money will be paired with ten hours of one-on-one consulting with music industry experts to help accelerate the impact of the grant funds.

The grant program is an element of the Next Level Music Industry Conference, which was held in May 2017: click [HERE](#) to see a video recap of the event. To read more about each of these bands, click on their names above or click on "Read More" to learn more about the Next Level grant program.

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**ARTISTS: WANT TO BECOME A TRAINED TEACHING ARTIST?**

Luther Burbank Center for the Arts (LBC) will be presenting the [John F. Kennedy Center’s Teaching Artist Training](#) for artists who are interested in working with students in an educational setting--either in schools or in the community.

**Why enroll in the Teaching Artist Training?**
The LBC and Creative Sonoma are advocating for high quality arts experiences for students. Sonoma County can benefit from more professional artists who are highly skilled in and able to share their art form--particularly in art forms that are not regularly represented--in educational settings, while utilizing a shared vocabulary and pedagogy with educators. There are 15 spaces in this program for artists, who must apply (link below).

**Leader:** Kennedy Center National Teaching Artist, Sean Layne  
**Sessions:** Mapping the Journey: Planning Effective Residencies for Students, and Anatomy of a Lesson: Designing Instruction  
**Dates:** Thurs., January 11 - Sat, January 13, 2018  
**Time:** Approximately 8:30 am - 5:00 pm each day  
**Place:** Education Studio, Luther Burbank Center for the Arts (50 Mark West Springs Road, 95403)

If you are interested in participating, please find more information and the registration form [HERE](#) or click the Read More button below. If you have further questions about the program, please contact Ray Gargano, LBC's Director of Education and Community Engagement.
WHAT WE'RE READING:
What Americans Believe About the Arts

In 2015-2016, Americans for the Arts conducted a Public Opinion Poll to find out how the American public feels about the arts. They found that "the American public is more broadly engaged in the arts than previously understood - believing that the arts not only play a vital role in personal well-being and healthier communities, but that the arts are also core to a well-rounded education."

Questions range from whether or not arts are important to local businesses and the economy, to whether or not tattoos are a form of art. For the infographic-based report, click HERE, or click on the Read More button to visit Americans for the Arts Public Poll Overview page for the full report.

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
Teacher Training for Social Justice - San Rafael
Are you an actor, director or theatre teacher who wants to use the power of theatre to help others? Join the Marin Shakespeare Company's Shakespeare for Social Justice Instructor Training Workshops to learn about using Drama Therapy and Shakespeare to open minds and hearts. **October 14-15, 2017.**  
[More Information]

National Arts Marketing Project Conference - Memphis, TN
The annual NAMP Conference is the one event where you can learn and network with the best brightest arts marketers in the nation. You'll gain the skills and strategies you need to turn your marketing into a sustainable competitive advantage and inspire your audience. **November 10-13, 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

**AUDITION CALL: Disney's The Little Mermaid and It Can't Happen Here**
The SRJC Theatre Arts Department is having an open call for their fall productions. Choose EITHER the Friday OR Saturday audition slot; you only need to come to one. **Auditions are August 25 & 26, 2017.**  
[More Information]

**CALL FOR ARTISTS: Gualala Arts Center**
This fine art exhibit is challenging both the artist and the viewer to explore, celebrate and contemplate the process of aging. **Deadline is August 28, 2017.**  
[More Information]

**CALL FOR ARTISTS: Chalk Hill Artist Residency**
Applications are open to artists of all media - fine arts, design, multi-media, dance, performance, musicians, sound artists, writers, etc. **Deadline is August 31, 2017.**  
[More Information]

**CALL FOR ENTRIES: Sebastopol Center for the Arts**
The Sebastopol Center for the Arts is calling on national and international, established and emerging glass artists to submit entries for two concurrent, juried shows featuring different glass techniques. **Deadline is September 12, 2017**  
[More Information]

Check out MORE [Calls to Creatives] in Creative Sonoma's online Marketplace.
Grants & Awards

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]

Gerbode Foundation 2017-2018 Dance Composition Awards
The Wallace Alexander Gerbode Foundation is pleased to announce the continuation of its Special Awards in the Arts program and another three-year $900,000 initiative by the Gerbode and Hewlett foundations. **Deadline is November 9, 2017.**

[More Information]

Call for Letters of Inquiry in Media & Performing Arts
The Creative Work Fund invites letters of inquiry from nonprofit organizations and collaborating media or performing artists. **Deadline is December 1, 2017.**

[More Information]

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

Jobs & Internships

Petaluma Arts Center: Executive Director
The Petaluma Arts Center is seeking an Executive Director who will be responsible for robust and productive Fund Development activities and will play a key role in member and volunteer recruitment and retention.

[More Information]

The SRJC Theater Arts Department: Costume Shop Manager
The Theatre Arts Department of Santa Rosa Junior College is seeking a qualified costume technician with demonstrated sewing and costume shop management skills to join an outstanding team of faculty, staff and administrators to provide high quality services to our district, our community, and most importantly to our students.

[More Information]

Center for Cultural Innovation: Program Director
The Center for Cultural Innovation is looking for a motivated and energetic person to join their team as their Program Director - Bay Area.

[More Information]

Sonoma Valley Museum of Art: Director of Development
The Director of Development is responsible for planning, executing and evaluating fundraising and development initiatives.

[More Information]

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

Volunteer Opportunities

General Volunteer in Parks Program (VIPP) Orientation #3
Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods is offering a 3rd General Orientation covering available volunteer opportunities in the southern Russian River Sector of the Sonoma-Mendocino State Parks District. Come learn how you can get involved with State Parks!

More Information

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.

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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