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LOOKING BACK / IMAGINING FORWARD

Creative Sonoma Publishes Annual Report for 2017-18

We are happy to share our first ever annual report tracking the incredible creative work that we helped facilitate across the County during the past year. 2017-18 was a remarkable year for us all; reflecting on our collective experience provides moments both solemn and celebratory. The report chronicles the programs and services that we provided, the grant-funded programs that you all produced, and our recovery efforts in response to the fires.
As we make our way through 2018-19, we are challenged to continue our growth trajectory and to strengthen and deepen our root system in our creative community. Questions we face this year include: who are the community members who most need the arts, and perhaps have the least access to them? How do we define, and therefore encourage creativity? If Sonoma County is proud of being a place where the arts and creativity thrive, how can we better manifest that for our residents and for visitors?

What we do know is that in 2018-19, we are turning an eye toward expanding our visibility in the community at large, always leading with the knowledge that creativity is in us all. If we take the time to look a little more carefully, listen a little more thoughtfully, we'll be on our way to exercising our own creative muscles.

Click on the Read More button for the full 2017-18 Annual Report.

WHAT WE'RE UP TO

OPPORTUNITIES & DEADLINES

CALL FOR TEACHING ARTISTS: 2019 Public School Residencies
Through a partnership with the Sonoma County of Education, Creative Sonoma will continue offering teaching artist residencies for Sonoma County public schools in 2019. These residencies use the arts to address and heal trauma for students K-12; grant applications for schools will be available this winter. Any established teaching artist who is interested must attend a training in best practices of trauma on Friday, December 14, 2018. To apply, contact Debbie Yarrow, Debbie.Yarrow@Sonoma-County.org, by Monday, December 10, 2018, 12pm PST.

CONTACT US

GRANT OPEN: Fire Recovery | Individual Professional Advancement Grants
This competitive grant program will provide funding to Sonoma County individual creatives who experienced physical loss or damage to personal property during the 2017 Wildfires, and who need assistance in reestablishing their careers. Deadline to apply is Friday, December 14, 2018, 4pm PST.

LEARN MORE | APPLY
CALL FOR SONGWRITERS: 2019 Next Level Songwriting Contest
Sonoma County songwriters may submit up to three demos to be considered to win the opportunity to have their song honed, produced and recorded by Songwriter/Producer Cliff Goldmacher, with the backing of professional musicians in Nashville via a virtual live recording session. Must be available to work with Goldmacher between January 26-February 10, 2019 to win. Deadline to enter is Wednesday, January 9, 2019, 4pm PST.
Learn More | Apply

And SAVE THE DATE for the full-day
2019 Next Level Music Industry Conference | 02.10.19
Get updates and join the mailing list at www.CreativeSonoma.org/nextlevel/.

EVENTS

POP UP CREATIVITY GRANTEE EVENTS
Next Up: Poetry with Maya Khosla at Pepperwood Preserve in January. Watch for this and other Pop Up-funded creative happenings, now through March 2019.
Learn More

ARTS RESPONSE GRANTEE EVENTS
Projects by arts and culture organizations in response to the 2017 Wildfires are ongoing, now through January 2019.
Learn More

All of our Workshops and Grant-Funded Events are listed on our Upcoming Activities page!

LEARN MORE

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS
Grant Awards for Local Schools and for Theatre Company

**Major Commission Grant for The Imaginists**
The theater company is among 10 Bay Area nonprofit organizations to receive Hewlett Foundation grants of $150,000 each to commission major... (read more).

**Santa Rosa and Windsor Schools Each Receive $1+ Million Arts Grants**
California Department of Education announced that Santa Rosa City Schools received a $1 million grant to expand their "instrument blitz," and Windsor Unified School District received a $1.7 million grant for elementary arts... (read more).

WHAT WE'RE READING

**Americans for the Arts 2018 Public Opinion Poll**
This fall, Americans for the Arts released their second bi-annual survey of American attitudes towards the arts. The findings show that "Americans are highly engaged in the arts and believe more strongly than ever that the arts promote personal well-being, help us understand other cultures in our community, are essential to a well-rounded K-12 education, and that government has an important role in funding the arts."

Click on "Read More" to access the full report, or check out the one-page summary, What Americans Say About the Arts in 2018.
GET KNOWLEDGE: Trainings and Conferences

Professional Development

CREATIVE WORK FUND: How to Apply to the Creative Work Fund

CREATIVE CAPITAL: Grantwriting for Artists

FOUNDATION CENTER WEST: Fundraising Workshops
San Francisco, CA. Both in-person workshops and webinars are offered year-round.

Conferences/Convenings

CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF MUSEUMS: Annual Conference
San Francisco, CA. February 7-9, 2019

MORE Professional Development/Training

GET CONNECTED: Creative Calls, Grants, Jobs & More

Calls to Creatives

CALL FOR ACTORS AND VOCALISTS: 6th Street Playhouse | West Side Story
Santa Rosa, CA. Audition on December 15, 2018.

CALL FOR PANELISTS: California Arts Council | Grant Programs

CALL FOR ARTISTS: Sonoma Community Center | Fashion Trashion Show
Sonoma, CA. Submit by March 1, 2019.

CALL FOR ARTISTS & VENDORS: Healdsburg Ctr for the Arts | 2019 Art Festival

MORE Calls to Creatives and Vendors

Grants & Awards

CREATIVE SONOMA: Fire Recovery | Individual Professional Advancement Grants
Sonoma County, CA. Apply by December 14, 2018.

CALIFORNIA ARTS COUNCIL: All Grant Programs Now Open
Sacramento, CA. Check programs for deadlines (many are earlier this year).
CREATIVE WORK FUND: Traditional and Visual Artists
San Francisco, CA. Apply by March 1, 2019.

CENTER FOR CULTURAL INNOVATION: California Art Leaders Investments Grants
San Francisco, CA. Apply by the 15th of each month.

MORE Funding Opportunities

Jobs & Internships

LUTHER BURBANK CENTER FOR THE ARTS: Director of Marketing

SCHOOL OF ROCK: Music Instructors (Multiple Disciplines)
Santa Rosa, CA. Posted November 29, 2018

DI ROSA CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY ART | Individual Giving Officer
Napa, CA. Posted December 6, 2018

MORE Jobs/Internships

Volunteer Opportunities

SEBASTOPOL CENTER FOR THE ARTS: Gallery Assistant
Sebastopol, CA. Ongoing opportunity.

CREATIVE SONOMA: Pop Up Grants Event iReporters and Content Creators
Multiple Locations, Sonoma County, CA. Through March 31, 2018.

MORE Volunteer Opportunities

Check out these and more opportunities in our 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 during the first week of each month. Items listed are drawn from the online Marketplace that are posted the Friday before each newsletter and mid-month update. To post items, login or register HERE.

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