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St. Louis Art Museum (MO) re-opening day, June 16, 2020. PHOTO: Hillary Levin

REOPENING ARTS AND CULTURE VENUES SAFELY

As part of a county-wide effort to develop mitigation strategies to help reopen local businesses (led by our parent organization, the Economic Development Board), Creative Sonoma gathered two Creative Sector Work Groups to develop "Best Management Practices" plans (BMP) customized to reopening arts organizations and summer youth camps. These plans provide guidance for what will need to be in place for reopening (once allowed by local and/or state health orders).

These BMP plans include two key elements:

1. The Mitigation Measures that the Sonoma County Health Officer and Department of Health Services have established for reopening businesses.

2. Additional and/or mitigation practices that an organization can reasonably maintain-and that you believe are essential-to help your employees and your audiences, clients, and/or participants feel safe in re-engaging.

These BMPs should be seen as a guide, not a mandate. There is definitely not a "one-size fits-all" answer to reopening each creative organization, and the plans will be updated as health orders change.

Regularly updated tools are available on the EDB's website, SoCo Launch, including a Business Mitigation Checklist, a link to the County's Business Self-Certification Assessment, and links to all of the industry-specific BMPs that have been produced.

Click on Learn More to access the Creative Sector and Summer Camps BMPs, along with additional reopening resource guides pertinent to the creative sector.

Be well, be safe, and we hope to see you all virtually or from a safe distance soon!

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SUMMER ARTS YOUTH CAMPS AND CLASSES

Some summer camps in Sonoma County are taking place live, and camp producers have worked diligently to make sure they're following health department guidelines. Find listings from all types of local arts organizations that are producing both live and virtual summer offerings for youth in our online [Creative Calendar](#).

And if your organization's youth camps or classes aren't listed, [LOGIN](#) or [REGISTER](#) to post them in the Creative Calendar for free!

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WHAT WE'RE UP TO

COVID-19 ARTS RELIEF GRANTS FOR ORGANIZATIONS

Application opens July 1, 2020

The COVID-19 Arts Relief Grants for Organizations (CARGO) Program has been established as a partnership between the Community Foundation Sonoma County (CFSC) and Creative Sonoma to provide relief to local creative organizations that have sustained economic losses due to COVID-19.

These grants are made in two phases.

Phase 1 has just been completed: nineteen local arts organizations that provide arts education and/or youth programming, and that are recent youth arts program grantees of either Creative Sonoma or CFSC, were awarded grants through a CFSC application process. The list of those grantees will be published soon.

Phase 2 is opening July 1, and grants will be awarded through a Creative Sonoma application process. Sonoma County-based nonprofit arts organizations may apply for up to \$10,000 in this round of funding for general operational support. The application will be **open for two weeks** (shorter than usual) so that we can distribute funding as quickly as possible.

The important dates are as follows:

Application Opens: July 1, 2020
Deadline to Apply: July 15, 2020
Award Notification: Late July 2020
Funding Period: Through December 2020

Click on Learn More for the Phase 2 Guidelines and Application Help Tool, which provides more detailed eligibility requirements and a list of all application questions.

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ARTS EDUCATION

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CREATIVE SONOMA, LUTHER BURBANK CENTER FOR THE ARTS,
SONOMA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION, SONOMA VALLEY MUSEUM OF ART

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The second annual iAspire Arts Integration Summit will be held virtually on July 27-28, 2020 with an in-person session to be scheduled in Sonoma County in the fall. You may register now for three days of exciting, hands-on professional learning in arts integration. This training is appropriate for all elementary teachers as well as for teaching artists and cultural arts/museum arts educators.

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LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

WINTER-SPRING 2020 SONOMA COUNTY AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Zoya Ahmed (Santa Rosa) was named as Sonoma County's first Youth Poet Laureate by California Poets in the Schools.

California Arts Council announced a record \$30 million in funding to be distributed throughout California via their 2020-2021 grant programs, with many recipients in Sonoma County.

- Alchemia Arts (Santa Rosa & Petaluma): Organizational Development Grant
- Alexander Valley Film Society (Cloverdale): Local Impact Grant, Youth Arts Action Grant
- California Poets in the Schools (Santa Rosa): Arts Education - Artists in Schools Grant
- Creative Sonoma (Santa Rosa): State-Local Partnership Grant
- Felta School Foundation (Healdsburg): Arts Education - Artists in Schools Grant
- The Imaginists (Santa Rosa): Local Impact Grant, Youth Arts Action Grant, Arts Education - Artists in Schools Grant
- Luther Burbank Center for the Arts (Santa Rosa): Youth Arts Action Grant, Arts Education - Artists in Schools Grant, Arts Integration Training Grant
- Robert Ott, Musician & Composer (Santa Rosa): Arts and Accessibility Grant for Individual Artists
- Santa Rosa Symphony (Santa Rosa): Arts Education - Exposure Grant, Youth Arts Action Grant
- Transcendence Theatre Company (Sonoma): Arts Education - Artists in the Schools Grant
- Vietnam Veterans of California (Santa Rosa): Veterans in the Arts Grant

Creative Sonoma (Santa Rosa) was awarded two National Endowment for the Arts grants for 2020-2021: an Our Town grant to help local communities to creatively re-open by incorporating artists into their plans, and an Art Works grant to support a cultural tourism effort in partnership with Sonoma County Tourism.

Green Music Center (Rohnert Park) and Liz Lerman - internationally-recognized choreographer, writer and teacher - are recipients of one of ten Hewlett 50 Arts Commissions this year. They will receive \$150,000 to develop Lerman's "Wicked Bodies (Sonoma)" as an evening-length dance-theater piece.

San Francisco Bay Area Theatre Critics Circle held a virtual awards gala in early June, and four Sonoma County theatres received recognition for 2019 productions.

- Left Edge Theatre (Santa Rosa): Ensemble Award, *Drumming with Anubis*

- Sonoma Arts Live (Sonoma): Original Music Award, *Merman's Apprentice*
- Spreckels Theatre Company (Rohnert Park): Costuming Award, Entire Production-North Bay Award (100 seats or fewer category), *Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberly*
- Transcendence Theatre Company (Sonoma): Musical Direction Award, Entire Production-North Bay Award (300 seats or more category), *A Chorus Line*

Sebastopol Documentary Film Festival announced it has attained recognition as an Academy Award® Qualifying Festival for the Documentary Short Subject category.

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WHAT WE'RE READING

Disruption and Invention: With, Not For, Young Artists

By Dennie Palmer Wolf, with Jeff M. Poulin

"Our system rations imagination according social class and zip code. We need fundamental disruptions to this system."

[Creative Generation](#) reports on the lack of access, equity, and quality of creative opportunities for youth ages 10-19, a population deeply impacted by COVID-19. To sustain the next generation of cultural workers and artists, there is a dire need for youth to rise, become leaders, and take on essential roles in arts and culture.

However, opportunities in the arts continue to evaporate stemming from cuts to education, whether pandemic-induced or not. Strategies proposed include focusing on the pivot to online learning or on internships with arts and culture institutions to tap the tremendous potential for creative contribution by youth and for career training.

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GET KNOWLEDGE

CONFERENCES

[AMERICANS FOR THE ARTS: 2020 Annual Convention and Public Art and Design Conference](#)

Virtual Event, June 23-25, 2020.

[CALIFORNIA POETS IN THE SCHOOLS: 2020 Statewide Poetry Symposium](#)

Virtual Event (FREE). June 26-28, 2020.

[WINDSOR USD & SONOMA COUNTY ARTS EDUCATION ALLIANCE: iAspire Arts Integration Summit](#)

Virtual Event, July 27-28, 2020 (plus one in-person training TBD Fall 2020).

MORE [Professional Development/Training](#)

GET CONNECTED

Arts Events from our Creative Calendar

2020 Summer Youth Arts Classes and Camps (both virtual and live)

Click [HERE](#) to see all the local listings!

MORE [Events, Workshops, Classes](#)

Opportunities from our Marketplace

[RIVERSIDE COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION: Arts: It's Elementary - Enhancing social emotional learning and cultural relevancy](#)

FREE Webinar, June 19, 2020.

[THEATRE BAY AREA: 2020 Virtual Regional Auditions](#)

Online, actors submit materials by August 10, 2020.

MORE [Opportunities](#) (Auditions, Calls to Artists, For Sale/Wanted, Grants, Jobs, Prof Development)

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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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