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GET NEWS: Stories and Updates



Healdsburg Center for the Arts hosts its 19th Annual Holiday Gift Market through December 2020.

**Holiday Arts in Sonoma County:
Shop, Explore, and Support!**

Discover wonderful holiday events and locally-made art and gifts, or give the gift of memberships, tickets or arts classes, while helping to support and sustain Sonoma County arts organizations, artists, and makers!

Visit our [website](#) to connect to a myriad of event listings and gift ideas.

- **EXPLORE** virtual or outdoor holiday events or special offers (open studios, special sales) produced by Sonoma County arts organizations and creatives
- **SHOP** local artists, makers, and organizations for gift-giving
- **GIVE** a gift that lasts all year long - museum or gallery memberships, or performing arts memberships or season tickets
- **GIVE** the gift of learning - adult or youth art classes and workshops

**Best wishes for a joyful and healthy holiday season from
all of us at Creative Sonoma!**

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WHAT WE'RE UP TO

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Sonoma County Arts Administrators - Peer-to-Peer Workshops!

Join us in December for free virtual workshops for Sonoma County arts organization professional staff and board members. We'll explore examples of work accomplished by local arts organizations as we all navigate how our organizations can be adaptive and flexible in our "new normal."

Each session will include brief presentations by local arts organizations on their recent experiences and programs, followed by facilitated discussions, idea sharing, and networking.

- **Virtual Arts Programs** with Transcendence Theatre Company, Thurs., December 17, 2020, 12:00-1:00pm

[REGISTER](#)

SAVE THE DATES: Conversations on Equity in January 2021

Join Creative Sonoma Advisory Board Member Cindy Berrios (Therapy Program Manager, YWCA Sonoma County) in three conversations on equity intended for arts leaders in our community, and will include Q&A:

- **January 14:** Alegria de la Cruz, Director, County of Sonoma Office of Equity
- **January 21:** Magali Telles, Community Engagement Director, City of Santa Rosa
- **January 28:** Jose Soto, Music Specialist and Director of LBC Mariachi Ensemble, Luther Burbank Center for the Arts

Registration for these **free, Thursday noontime sessions** will open soon!

ARTS EDUCATION



Arts Education Blog December 2020

The Sonoma County Arts Education Alliance (AEA) is pleased to share the 1st **Student Arts Spotlight** featuring students musicians from **Rincon Valley Middle School** in their fall concert. Student Arts Spotlight shares the good news of the arts making a difference in students' lives in a monthly feature. Congratulations, Rincon Valley Middle School!

Also in the blog - articles on achieving diversity and equity in music education, and how the arts can help combat bias and injustice.

Read the blog and watch the RVMS fall concert video [HERE](#).

To learn about all things Arts Education taking place produced by Creative Sonoma and the AEA, click on the button!

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COVID-19 AND WILDFIRE RECOVERY

NEW GRANT: Creative Sonoma Recovery Fund Reopens

This new round of Recovery Fund grants are for individual creatives who experienced personal property loss or damages due to either the 2020 LNU Complex (Walbridge-Meyers) or Glass Fires. A minimum of \$500 will be awarded to eligible individuals.

The deadline to apply is **Sunday, January 3, 2021**, 11:59pm PST. Learn more and apply [HERE](#).

2020-2021: Creative Reopening Partners

Creative Sonoma, with funding from the National Endowment for the Arts and the County of Sonoma, has partnered with six local Chambers of Commerce or Business Districts to combine the arts with safely operating restaurants and retail during COVID-19 restrictions. View the outdoor art on display in these locations!

- [Downtown Santa Rosa's Open & Out](#) - art work on view through January 2021
- [Windsor's Global Cuisine - Around the World in 20 Blocks](#) - extended for locations where artwork can remain on display
- [VOICES - Healdsburg's Creative Reopening](#) - through June 2021
- [Petaluma Creative Reopening Parklet Program](#) - coming soon

- [Russian River Creative Reopening Campaign by Artist Jim Isermann](#)
- [Sonoma Promenade](#) - more info coming soon

General Recovery Resources from Creative Sonoma:

- [NEW: State of California COVID Relief Grants for Small Businesses](#) - launching soon for businesses, nonprofits, and cultural institutions
- [Relief Funds for Creatives](#) - 50+ funds listed, updated December 2020, ranging from COVID-19 relief to fire and other emergencies
- [Reopening Arts and Culture](#) - best practices for safely reopening facilities and providing services through mitigating risks

From the Economic Development Board:

- [Sonoma County Economic Recovery Action Plan](#) - to support economic and community resiliency and recovery, based on feedback from over 500 community members.
- [SoCo Launch](#) - mitigation and compliance resources to help reopen local businesses as quickly and safely as possible (in English / en Español)
- [Business Recovery Tools](#) - targeted to those impacted by natural disasters



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WHAT WE'RE WATCHING

The Arts and Social Emotional Learning

Right now, students need learning that supports their socio-emotional development, and the arts are unique in their ability to do so. [Create CA](#) succinctly makes the case in this short video!



GET CONNECTED

Arts Events from our Creative Calendar

[HEALDSBURG JAZZ FESTIVAL: Virtual Event | Bobby Hutcherson: A Living Legacy](#)
Online (live stream). December 20, 2020.

[EKI SHOLA: Event | Essential Virtual Tour](#)
Online (live stream and radio). Multiple dates, December 12, 2020 - January 11, 2021

[MORE Events, Workshops, Classes](#)

Opportunities from our Marketplace

[CALIFORNIA ARTS COUNCIL: Multiple Grant Programs Open\(ing\) for 2021](#)
Statewide, CA. Varying Deadlines from February 2021 and Opening Soon.

[GREEN MUSIC CENTER & ALPHABET ROCKERS: Residencies for Schools | Anti-Racist Hip Hop Music and Dance Program](#)
Sonoma County, CA. Now scheduling for Spring 2021.

[MORE Opportunities](#) (Auditions, Calls to Artists, Jobs, Grants, Professional Development, and more)

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 monthly. Items listed under Events and Opportunities are drawn from our Calendar and Marketplace. To post items, login or register [HERE](#).

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