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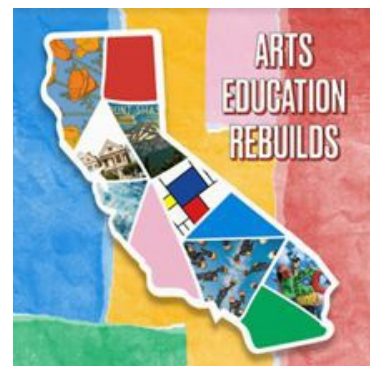
## Arts Education Is Essential!



## ANNOUNCING OUR NEW DIRECTORY: Arts Education Programs for Schools

### March is Arts Education Month

We're taking this opportunity to remember that access to arts education is essential for our children and community, and to renew our commitment to work toward that goal. Check out [CreateCA's Social Media Toolkit](#) to help spread the word that Arts Education Rebuilds, and use the hashtag #artsedrebuilds!



**Creative Sonoma is celebrating Arts Education Month by launching new online resources dedicated to supporting arts education in our County.**

- A new directory, [Arts Education Programs for Schools](#), allows teachers and school administrators to connect with the unique learning opportunities offered by local arts organizations and teaching artists.
- A refreshed [Arts Education hub](#) includes the pages for the Sonoma

County Arts Education Alliance and any more resources to support local arts education access and excellence.

To support the case for arts education for every student, consider what we believe about the benefits of arts education:

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## OUR WORK

### GRANT: COVID-19 Arts Relief Grants for Organizations - Phase 3

Sonoma County nonprofit arts organizations that continue to provide programs and services during the pandemic may apply for general operating fund grants. The deadline to apply is **April 6, 2021**.

[Learn More and Apply](#)

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### CALL TO ARTISTS: Meredith Pier Public Art Project RFQ

This Bodega Bay public art opportunity from the County of Sonoma via Creative Sonoma and the General Services Department is open to artists or artist teams residing in Sonoma County. Submit by **April 12, 2021**.

[Learn More and Apply](#)

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### ARTS EDUCATION: March 2021 Blog

#### STUDENT ARTS SPOTLIGHT

- This month's Student Arts Spotlight features **Poetry Out Loud** winner, **Ella Wen!**

#### ALSO IN THE BLOG:

- **Dance CONNECT** - A fun way to bring dance to your students in collaboration with Sonoma State University Dance!
- **Providing Summer Camp?** Connect to planning resources.
- **Meetup for School/District Administrators** on **April 7, 2021** featuring presenters Dr. Mariana Astorga-Almanza and Elizabeth Robertson.

[Read the Blog](#)

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## RELIEF FUNDING: COVID-19 Resources and Deadlines

Note these important relief opportunities and deadlines for organizations, businesses and individuals!

- California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grants for Nonprofit Cultural Organizations, apply by **March 23, 2021**
- SBA Paycheck Protection Program (including sole proprietors and gig workers), apply by **March 31, 2021**
- SBA Shuttered Venue Operations Grant opens **April 8, 2021**
- City of Santa Rosa Public Art Program Musican Relief Grants, apply by **April 11, 2021**
- Museum Workers Relief Fund, enter drawing by **April 15, 2021**

[Learn More](#)

## Creative Calendar & Opportunities



**From our Creative Calendar:**  
April 10, 2021: Take a [Nature Journaling Field Class](#) with Marley Peifer at Pepperwood Preserve.

[MORE Events](#)



**From our Opportunities:**  
Apply by March 22, 2021: The Cazadero Music Camp is seeking a [Music Camp Director](#).

[MORE Opportunities](#)

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*Would you like to your event or opportunity featured in this spot?  
Add your items to our online calendar or opportunities listings! Login or Register [HERE](#).*

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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.



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