Join us in January for Conversations on Equity

Creative Sonoma invites local arts organization and creative business leaders and staff to attend this series in an ongoing exploration about how we, the creative sector, can continually improve equitable access and belonging throughout Sonoma County.

Creative Sonoma Advisory Board Member Cindy Berrios will engage the following local leaders in conversation on how they are each actively working to advance equity in Sonoma County, from policy development and implementation to programs. They will share perspectives about working toward equity on a county level, a city level, and within an arts organization.

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

The conversations all take place on the above Thursdays at 12pm, and will include time for audience Q&A. Click on Learn More to read the bios for our host and her guests, and to register for the series.

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**WHAT WE'RE UP TO**

**ARTS EDUCATION**

**Arts Education Blog January 2021**

This month’s Student Arts Spotlight is the *El Molino Dance Company!* The Spotlight features "Free" choreographed by senior Kali Holdren. Congratulations, El Molino High School!

**Also in the blog** - Articles on Arts Education Trends in 2021 and *Time Magazine* shares why the arts are needed more than ever.

- Read the blog and see the Student Arts Spotlight video [HERE](#).

**Arts Education Alliance School/District Administrator Meetup**

Wednesday, February 3, 2021, 4:00-5:00pm (Zoom)

Join the Arts Education Alliance for a meetup of district/school administrators, curriculum & instruction directors, school board members, and education funders. With meeting content planned by Sonoma County administrators, learn about "Promising Practices in the Arts," as well as opportunities available through the Arts Education Alliance. Networking time will be provided. Register [HERE](#).

*To learn about all things Arts Education taking place produced by Creative Sonoma and the Sonoma County Arts Education Alliance, click on the button!*
COVID-19 AND WILDFIRE RECOVERY

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:

- **APPLY NOW**: State of California COVID Relief Grants for Small Businesses - businesses, nonprofits, and cultural institutions apply by **January 13, 2021**
- **UPDATED**: Relief Funds for Creatives - 50+ funds listed, ranging from COVID-19 relief to fire and other emergencies. **NEW For Arts Orgs**: California Arts Council's Arts & Cultural Organizations General Operating Relief, apply by **February 17, 2021**.
- **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

WHAT WE'RE READING

Stepping into STEAM

The COVID-19 pandemic has vividly illustrated what many educators already know: studying the arts, as well as integrating the arts into other subjects, is a powerful engagement and learning strategy.
We're listening to Taking the First Steps into STEAM-from the Easy EdTech Podcast - in this episode, Jeannine Flores shares tips for educators who are getting started with STEAM in their classroom, school, or district. The book Steam Power: Infusing Art Into Your STEM Curriculum by artist and arts educator Tim Needles is referenced and is highly recommended for those launching their STEAM efforts.

GET CONNECTED

Arts Events from our Creative Calendar

HEALDSBURG JAZZ: Family Concert | Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.: Through the Eyes of Children

RINCON VALLEY EDUCATION FOUNDATION: Info Session | Free Saturday Preview of Online Arts Enrichment Classes K-8

MORE Events, Workshops, Classes

Opportunities from our Marketplace

HEALDSBURG CENTER FOR THE ARTS: Call to Artists | Youth Photography Contest
Healdsburg, CA (virtual). Submit by 5pm January 15, 2021.

SONOMA COMMUNITY CENTER: Job Opportunity | Executive Director

CREATECA: Professional Development | The Art of Everything Leadership Conversation Series for Arts Educators

CREATIVE WORK FUND: Grant | 2021 Grants (All Disciplines)

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