OUR TOP STORY

Putting Local Creatives to Work

Creative Sonoma Special Projects Funded by the National Endowment for the Arts

In the past year, Creative Sonoma received funding from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) to support two projects that resulted in work for more than 80 local artists, musicians, and creative enterprises during pandemic restrictions.

THE SONOMA SOUND PROJECT

Through the NEA's Art Works funding, Creative Sonoma collaborated with Sonoma County Tourism to launch a recording project to produce an original track that Tourism will use for promotional videos. A local recording studio, a local videographer, and 5 local musicians were hired to produce and document it.

- To learn more about the evolution of the project, click HERE.
- To hear the track, watch the "Making of the Sonoma Sound Video," and connect to the musicians' media and website, click HERE.
THE CREATIVE REOPENING PROJECT

Through the NEA’s Our Town funding, Creative Sonoma awarded contracts to six local Chambers of Commerce and Business Associations to incorporate artwork into business district plans for safely remaining open (or reopening) during COVID-19 restrictions. In all, 76 artists and musicians were hired to create 50 new works of art and 42 performances and readings, all documented by a local videographer.

- To learn more about the evolution of the project, click HERE.
- For a playlist of videos made about the project, click HERE.

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OUR WORK

Arts Education

Parent Ambassadors for Arts
Join the Arts Education Alliance’s (AEA) virtual Parent Ambassadors for Arts dialogues to learn why arts education offers unparalleled opportunity and benefits for our children.

- **Padre Embajadores de las Artes | Miércoles, 29 de septiembre de 2021, 6pm.** Damos la bienvenida a los padres del Condado de Sonoma para que conozcan las oportunidades a través de la educación artística y cómo apoyar (in Spanish with English simulcast interpretation).
- **Parent Ambassadors for the Arts - 2nd Meeting | Weds, November 10, 2021, 7pm.** Everyone welcome! More tools and continuing the conversation with the AEA Advocacy Team (in English).

Learn More & Register
Read the Blog

September 2021 ArtsEd Blog

The Arts Education Alliance's Student Arts Spotlight shares the good news of the arts making a difference in a monthly feature. Share your school or district's accomplishments! Visit the blog for more how to contribute to the Spotlight this school year and for links to other timely resources.

COVID-19 Relief and Recovery Resources

We continually monitor and update the COVID-19 relief and recovery resources available to creative individuals, nonprofit organizations, and businesses, which are listed on our webpage Emergency Funds and Resources.

Here are some important deadlines:

- CA Humanities Relief and Recovery Grants - grants for short-term general operating support to public humanities-focused organizations. ROUND 2 is
now open and closes TOMORROW September 15, 2021, 5pm.
- CA Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program - grants to small businesses, sole proprietors, including nonprofits. ROUND 8 - open to nonprofit culture institutions, apply by September 30, 2021 (EXTENDED DEADLINE); ROUND 9 - open to all business types, apply by September 30, 2021.

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CREATIVE CALENDAR & OPPORTUNITIES

From our Creative Calendar:
Transcendence Theatre Company presents their 10th annual the GALA, September 10-19, 2021. The theme for this year’s show is 'A New World'. Songs from favorite Broadway titles.

MORE Events

From our Opportunities:
California Humanities invites proposals for the 2021 California Documentary Project grant program for film, audio, and interactive media projects. Apply by Nov 1, 2021.