Our Top Story: NEW - Arts and Cultural Equity Fellowship Grant Program - application opens next week!

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**OUR TOP STORY**

New Fellowship Grant Program:

*Cohort to receive funding, training, mentorship and more!*

The Arts and Cultural Equity Fellowship will support up to six emerging to mid-career artists and cultural leaders – who work within, on behalf of, or to support communities of color – with $5,000 in grant funding and a $1,250 training stipend to increase the impact of their work.

A collaborative effort between Creative Sonoma staff, its advisors, and local arts and equity consulting group *Kimzin Creative*, this program is designed to promote cultural awareness and understanding of the diverse racial and ethnic communities that comprise Sonoma County.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

- **Application Opens**: Tuesday, January 18, 2022
- **General Info & Application Workshops (via Zoom)**: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 – register for either 12pm or 7pm (simulcast Spanish interpretation provided for both sessions; recorded workshops will be posted the next day)
**Open Office Hours (via Zoom):** Tuesday, February 15 & 22, 2022, 11:00am-1:00pm – drop in any time to ask your application or grant-writing questions.

**Application DEADLINE:** Tuesday, March 1, 2022 11:59pm PT

Click on Learn More to access the Application Packet and Flyer (both available in English or Spanish) and for links to workshop registration and open office hours.

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**OUR WORK**

**Advocacy**

**North Bay Regional Conversation/CFTA**

*Presented by Californians for the Arts, in partnership with Arts Council Napa Valley, Creative Sonoma, and Marin Cultural Association.*

You're invited to the 2022 North Bay Regional Conversation! Join us on **February 15, 2022 at 2pm** (via Zoom). This conversation will include updates on state, local, and federal arts advocacy priorities, including how individuals and organizations can get involved. Attendees will have a chance to share ideas, questions, and concerns with the Californians for the Arts team and most importantly, each other. This event is for the regional areas of Marin, Napa, Solano, and Sonoma Counties and is free to attend.

**Arts Education**

**Arts Education Alliance (AEA) Winter-Spring Cohorts**

January 2022 ArtsEd Blog

The Arts Education Alliance's Student Arts Spotlight shares the good news of the arts making a difference throughout our county each month. Share YOUR school or district's accomplishments! Visit the blog for more on how to contribute to the Spotlight, and for links to other timely arts education resources.

Read the Blog

CREATIVE CALENDAR & OPPORTUNITIES
From our Creative Calendar:
Karen Pierce Gonzalez offers "Write into Winter”, an online introduction to season-related poetry, prose, and folklore. Register by February 6 for February 9, 16, and 23 classes.

MORE Events

From our Opportunities:
Asia Society and Helen Frankenthaler Foundation present Frankenthaler Climate Awards. Submit video artwork that tackles climate change. Apply by January 20, 2022.

MORE Opportunities