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## OUR TOP STORY

### The Arts, Indigenous Peoples' Day and Native Visibility

A recent national study, **Reclaiming Native Truth**, found that “across the education curriculum, pop culture entertainment, news media, social media and the judicial system, the voices and stories of contemporary Native people are missing.”

The organization **IllumiNative** was created as a response to the study to establish goals “to combat Native invisibility.” One of those goals is to ensure that “accurate and authentic portrayals of native communities are present in pop culture and media.”

Native artists were instrumental in both phases – from the developing the original study to now shaping the messages and resources that **IllumiNative** provides.

Locally, visit the **California Indian Museum and Cultural Center (CIMCC)** in Santa Rosa. The museum portrays “California Indian history and culture from an Indian perspective” and “encourages the present-day renaissance of California Indian culture, affirming its survival and continued vitality in the face of extreme adversity.”

Interwoven into the mission of CIMCC is the exploration of cultural heritage and arts. In a recent program funded by a Creative Sonoma grant, “Healing through Cultural Arts,” the museum provided art kits for a series of virtual classes that explored California Indian foods through art-making. One participant remarked that the class “helped me set aside time to be in space with other Indigenous women, providing a calm and healing space to be creative and social.”



Click on [Learn More](#) for links to Reclaiming Native Truth, IllumiNative resources – including guides for Indigenous Peoples’ Day and PK-12 educator materials to amplify “voices of contemporary Native peoples in the classroom” – and more local and national resources on intertwining arts and advocacy.

[Learn More](#)

IMAGES Top & Middle: IllumiNative's Indigenous People's Toolkit and classroom posters; Bottom: Art by Jackie Fawn from Center for Cultural Power's guide "Cultural Strategy Activation for Artists & Activists."

OUR WORK



## NEW GRANT: Application Opens October 28, 2021

Creative Sonoma's **Arts Impact Grants for Organizations (AIGO)** are designed to help sustain Sonoma County's creative and cultural nonprofits, and to demonstrate the power of the arts to contribute to the social cohesion of our communities.

Sonoma County-based nonprofit arts and culture organizations, and culturally-specific organizations that produce arts and culture programs and services, are invited to apply.

- Application Opens: October 28, 2021
- General Info & Application Workshop: November 4, 2021, 12pm PT
- **Application DEADLINE: December 2, 2021 11:59pm PT**
- Funding Notification: Mid-December 2021
- Funding Period: January – December 2022 (12 months)

[Learn More](#)

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## Arts Education

### School Funding and a Call to Action

**Learn how to be part of school funding conversations** and walk away with tools to be an effective arts advocate for your school. Register for this **October 28, 2021** virtual statewide workshop [HERE](#).

**Call to Action: October 29, 2021** is the deadline for school districts to adopt plans for using federal recovery funding, \$13.6B statewide. Your district needs community input--your input! Learn more [HERE](#).

### Upcoming Event

**Sonoma County Parent Ambassadors for the Arts/Los Padres Embajadores de las Artes, Wednesday, November 10, 2021, 7pm.** All parents welcome! More tools and continuing the conversation for how to make a difference in your school! *(Presented in English with simulcast Spanish interpretation).*

[Learn More & Register](#)

# Student Arts Spotlight

October 2021 | Healdsburg Unified School District  
"Hopeful Monsters: A Sculptural Exploration  
of Social-Emotional Macroevolution"



This monthly feature celebrates excellence in local arts education.

Read more and learn about this project:

[www.creativesonoma.org/artsed-news-october-2021](http://www.creativesonoma.org/artsed-news-october-2021)

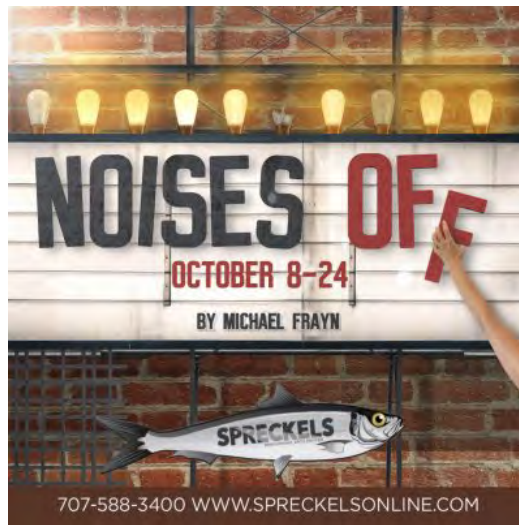
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## October 2021 ArtsEd Blog

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 on how to contribute to the Spotlight this school year and for links to other timely resources.

[Read the Blog](#)

## CREATIVE CALENDAR & OPPORTUNITIES



**From our Creative Calendar:**

**Spreckels Performing Arts Center** presents *Noises Off*, widely considered one of the funniest comedies written. Shows running October 8 - 24.

**MORE Events**



**From our Opportunities:**

**Santa Rosa Arts Center** has issued a Call for Entries for their upcoming exhibition: *The Gift*. Exhibit runs Nov 5, 2021 - Jan 5, 2022.

**MORE Opportunities**



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