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**Second Annual State of Arts Education Event: March 7, 2023**

*Jazz Legend Tom Scott to Speak*

The Sonoma County Arts Education Alliance is presenting the Second annual “State of Arts Education” gathering on Tuesday, March 7 from 4:30 – 5:45 pm at the Luther Burbank Center for the Arts. The event is designed to recognize the arts education work that currently occurs in our TK-12 schools and to provide resources and networks to help increase access to arts education for all students. Slated to occur during California Arts Education Month, discussion will also center on the opportunities available as a result of the recently passed California Proposition 28, funding arts and music teachers in schools. Since distribution of those funds will begin this fall, planning for how to ensure that our schools access and effectively use them is especially timely.

“As our students are grappling with an overload of social and emotional challenges, arts experiences can offer a lifeline of positive expression and support,” said Supervisor Chris Coursey, Chair of the Board of Supervisors. “This event is an important opportunity to bring together any Sonoma County resident who wants to ensure that all of our students have access to high quality arts education experiences in our schools.”

Guest presenters include legendary saxophonist Tom Scott, Letitia Hanke, founder of the LIME Foundation, Sonoma County Schools Superintendent Dr. Amie Carter, and Tracy Ferron, founder of Life on Earth Art. Artistic presentations will be made by Grupo Folklórico Quetzalén, the Maria Carrillo High School Jazz Combo, and the inaugural class of Youth Arts Leaders.

Doors open at 4:00 pm; presentations begin at 4:30 pm. Following the event, a reception will offer the opportunity to mingle and network.

To register for the State of Arts Education event, please visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/state-of-arts-education-situacion-de-la-educacion-artistica-tickets-513439189437>.

For more information on the Arts Education Alliance and arts education resources, please visit <https://www.creativesonoma.org/artsted-alliance/> or contact [Debbie.Yarrow@sonoma-county.org](mailto:Debbie.Yarrow@sonoma-county.org).

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