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OUR TOP STORY

STATE OF ARTS EDUCATION | SITUACIÓN DE LA EDUCACIÓN ARTÍSTICA
INSPIRE! CELEBRATE! CONNECT! | ¡INSPIRATE! ¡CELEBRA! ¡CONECTA!



Letitia Hanke



Life on Earth Art



Grupo Folklórico Quetzalén



Grammy-winner Tom Scott

March Is Arts Education Month!
Maria Carrillo HS Jazz Combo
Youth Arts Leaders and more!

Sonoma County Arts Education Alliance



2nd Annual State of Arts Education

March is Arts Education Month! Celebrate with us!

Join the Arts Education Alliance for this annual event that celebrates the impact of arts education in the lives of Sonoma County students. Performers and presenters include Legendary Saxophonist Tom Scott, Grupo Folklórico Quetzalén, renowned business leader, Letitia Hanke, Life on Earth Art, and more!

Register by March 3, 2023 to attend this FREE event!

[Learn More & Register](#)

OUR WORK

Grants



Arts & Cultural Equity Fellowship Program

Creative Sonoma 's Arts and Cultural Equity Fellowship Program has been created to support cultural art works, activities, events, and professional development opportunities that promote and celebrate the diverse racial and ethnic individuals and communities within Sonoma County.

- \$5,000 in funding, \$1,250 additional stipend + training, mentorship & community!

All applications due: March 6, 2023

El Programa de Becas de Equidad Cultural y Artística

El Programa de Becas de Equidad Cultural y Artística de Creative Sonoma ha sido creado para apoyar obras de arte, actividades y eventos culturales y oportunidades

del desarrollo profesional que promueven y celebran a los diversos grupos étnicos en el Condado de Sonoma.

- \$5,000 en fondos, \$1,250 estipendio adicional + capacitación, tutoría y comunidad!

Todas las solicitudes vencen: el 6 de marzo de 2023

[Learn More / Aprende más](#)



Program Extended!

CA Microbusiness COVID-19 Relief Grant Program

Artists and Creatives are invited to apply for a \$2,500 grant!

APPLICATION WINDOW:

Apply by June 30, 2023

MORE INFORMATION:
SonomaEDB.org
EDBGrants@sonoma-county.org

*Microbusiness means less than 5 full-time equivalent employees and includes individual artists and creatives, in all disciplines and crafts, who own their creative business.

BASIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Sonoma County owned and operated
- Significant negative Impacts to operations as a result of COVID-19
- Generated less than \$50,000 in business revenue in 2019
- Open/operating prior to Dec. 31, 2019
- Microbusiness is the primary source of income for the business owner
- Did not receive a grant from the California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program
- Not a business excluded from participation in the California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program: careliefgrant.com

Artists, Creatives and Creative Small Businesses: CA Microbusiness Grants open through JUNE 30, 2023

The application portal has been extended - visit the Economic Development Board grant webpage to learn more and apply.

All applications due: June 30, 2023

[Learn More](#)

Public Art



Fire Memorial Task Force

In June 2022, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors approved a plan to create and install a commemorative artwork recognizing the lives of those who perished in the 2017 wildfire complex. Applications are now open to serve on the Fire Memorial Task Force.

Apply by March 31, 2023 to be included in the first round application reviews.

[Learn More](#)

ARTSURROUND
Creative Placemaking Program

Explore #ArtSurround to find 27 artists' events and installations throughout Sonoma County, Oct 2022 - June 2023!

Learn more about projects: www.CreativeSonoma.org/ArtSurround

Ongoing from ArtSurround:

- "The Reincarnated Art Project" by **Nikki Wildflower** will be installed at the Sonoma Community Center by March 4, 2023.
- "California Native Food Garden" by **Nicole Jones** will be sprouting soon at Escolar this spring.

[Learn More](#)

Arts Education



The newest arts education advocacy group!

March 2023 ArtsEd Spotlight

The Arts Education Alliance proudly features the coalition's newest advocates, Youth Arts Leaders. These exceptional student leaders will share how the arts have impacted their lives. Don't miss them at the State of Arts Education on March 7!

[Learn More](#)

CREATIVE CALENDAR & OPPORTUNITIES



From our Creative Calendar:

Green Music Center presents Family Day with Somos Amigos. This free event includes a bilingual (English & Spanish) concert followed by a variety of arts activities for children. Saturday, March 18, 2-5pm.

MORE Events



From our Opportunities:

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: The Creative Work Fund invites artists and nonprofits to apply for grants to create art works through collaborations. All genres invited. Letters due by March 8. Full proposals due July 31.

MORE Opportunities



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