

# Sonoma County Arts Education Alliance

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## TOP STORIES



**Fourth District Congressional Art Competition**  
Sonoma County and beyond!

Student artists from Sonoma County submitted artwork for the countywide Congressional Art Competition held at Steele Lane Community Center. The Sonoma County winner, **Catherine Li** from Maria Carrillo High School, went on to compete in the regional finals. Catherine placed as a finalist in that competition! Congratulations to Catherine and all area student artists!



## You're Invited!

Come **LEARN** and **PLAY** as the **DREAMS** of local **YOUTH** are **UPLIFTED** for a **BETTER SANTA ROSA!**

[Kimzin Creative](#) in collaboration with [Santa Rosa Forward](#), and the city's [Public Art Program](#) is hosting a free, **POP-UP Art Event** this **Sunday, May 21st 12-4pm** at **Old Courthouse Square**, Santa Rosa to unveil a large-scale, interactive sculpture that centers the hopes of over 100+ local high schoolers and their visions of how the City of Santa Rosa should grow as it relates to **health and environmental justice**.



## Updates, Recommendations, and Resources

Update: Gov. Newsom presented [May budget revisions](#) that include cuts to the [Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials Block Grant](#). The Block Grant is one-time funding and different than Prop 28 funding. Newsom proposed that funding for Prop 28 will offset the cut to the Block Grant. The Block Grant can be used for many purposes other than arts and music.

Recommendations for School Communities to prepare for Prop 28:

- Inventory current arts education programs to establish a baseline
- Focus on Prop 28 specifics while keeping the bigger picture in mind
- Begin discussions and planning for how your school will use this ongoing funding
- Engage with parent and community to build equitable, sustainable programs

Use the resource: [Thanks to Prop 28 School Districts Need Arts Teachers](#) to learn about multiple avenues for hiring arts teachers.

## Funding Resources Info

### Basic Facts about Prop 28



Pictured is the Santa Rosa Symphony Institute for Music Education's **Aspirante Youth Orchestra** performing at Helen Lehman Elementary School as part of the program "It's Elementary," a music program is designed to support schools in their efforts to integrate music into their curricula as encouraged by state Common Core practices.

[Learn More](#)

ArtsEd RESOURCES

**SCHOOL VAPA LEADERS**



For Experienced and Developing School Arts Education Leaders

Creative, collaborative space to learn and share about supporting **Visual and Performing Arts** in schools

Virtual Meeting  
 Wednesday, May 24, 2023  
 4:00-5:00

[www.CreativeSonoma.org/opportunities/school-vapa-leaders](http://www.CreativeSonoma.org/opportunities/school-vapa-leaders)

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*Mix and Mingle*

Crooked Goat Brewing  
 Tuesday, June 6  
 5:30-7:00

Interested in getting to know your fellow arts educators and advocates? Join us for an evening of connection and conversation in Petaluma!

Learn and share strategies for planning the use of Prop 28.

Learn More

**NEW:** Location changed to **Crooked Goat Brewing**, 110 Howard Street, in Petaluma!

RSVP Requested




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**PARENT AMBASSADORS FOR ARTS**

Virtual Meeting  
 August 28, 2023 6:30pm-7:30pm

LEARN HOW YOUR SCHOOL CAN HAVE MORE ARTS OPPORTUNITIES!

**PADRES EMBAJADORES DE LAS ARTES**

reunión virtual  
 28 de agosto 2023 | 6:30pm-7:30pm

¡APRENDA CÓMO SU ESCUELA PUEDE TENER MÁS OPORTUNIDADES ARTÍSTICAS!

Learn More

# Student Arts Spotlight

Technology High School

Cotati-Rohnert Park Unified School District

Production of "Guys and Dolls"



This monthly feature celebrates excellence in local arts education!

Learn more: [www.creativesonoma.org/artsed-news-may-2023](http://www.creativesonoma.org/artsed-news-may-2023)

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## ArtsEd BLOG

Read the monthly Arts Education Blog for more information on these stories, as well as resources available in the field of arts education.

Lea el blog mensual de educación artística para obtener más información sobre estas historias, así como los recursos disponibles en el campo de la educación artística.

[Read the Blog](#) | [Leer el blog](#)

## ArtsEd OPPORTUNITIES FROM CREATIVESONOMA.ORG

From **ArtsEd Directory**: [Sonoma County Taiko](#) performs for school assemblies and festivals and can customize presentations for schools' needs.



From **Opportunities**: Teens are invited to [Stomp the Stigma](#) on May 20 at the SoCo Fairgrounds. Music, dance, food, community. Free entry.



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