

# Sonoma County Arts Education Alliance

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## TOP STORIES



The graphic features a black background with colorful geometric shapes and stars. At the top right is the Sonoma County Office of Education logo. The central text reads 'CELEBRATE BLACK History!' in white, with 'CELEBRATE' on a teal banner, 'BLACK' on an orange banner, and 'History!' in a purple box with cursive script. Below this is a paragraph of text.

**Sonoma County**  
Office of Education

**CELEBRATE  
BLACK  
History!**

As classrooms and school districts across Sonoma County kick off their Black History Month celebrations, let us remember the urgency and importance of teaching Black history beyond the month of February. The histories, stories, and voices of Black people should be centered, honored, and uplifted in school curricula every day.  
Check out the resources below to include in your tool bag.

## Resources for This Month and Beyond!

Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history. Learn why we celebrate it and about the far-reaching impact of Black artistry, as well as resources for the classroom.

Find Curated Resources for Students



## **Proclaim Arts Education Month!**

March is Arts Education Month, giving California schools and arts education advocates a unique opportunity to focus on the value of the arts for all students, foster cross-cultural understanding, provide recognition to their outstanding young artists and arts education teachers, and enhance public support for this essential part of the curriculum.

Engaging your school board to proclaim March as Arts Education Month is an excellent opportunity to build relationships with school leadership and raise awareness of the importance of arts education and the new funding all schools will receive through Prop 28.

[Learn How](#)

[Find Your School Leaders](#)

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# ARTFUL CONVERSATIONS

Presented by the Sonoma County Arts Education Alliance (AEA)

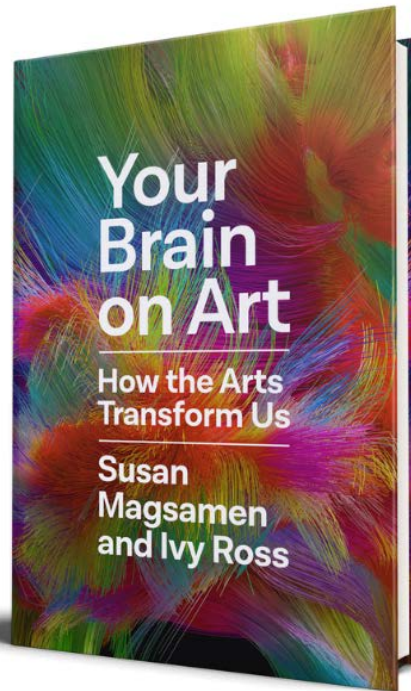
## “YOUR BRAIN ON ART”

TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024  
4:30-5:30pm via Zoom

What Positive Influences Do  
the Arts Have on Us?

JOIN THE CONVERSATION!

LEARN MORE & RSVP:  
[www.CreativeSonoma.org/  
opportunities/artful/](http://www.CreativeSonoma.org/opportunities/artful/)



## A New Community of the Arts Education Alliance

Have you ever wondered about the positive health influences (physical, emotional, mental, cognitive, spiritual, etc.) that all forms of art can have on us as human beings, in all aspects of life and development? Are you curious about the deeper impact that art has on cultures, as well as the impact that cultures have on art? Do you have a desire to explore scientific foundations and research on education through creativity and the Arts?

If you have answered “yes” to any of the above, please join us for our premier Artful Conversation, focused on a foundational (and exciting) literary work called **YOUR BRAIN ON ART: How the Arts Transform Us** by Susan Magsamen and Ivy Ross. We will use this literature as a stepping off point for future collaboration, dialogue, and experiences with and through the Arts.

More about Artful Conversations

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**FUNDING  
STREAMS  
FOR ARTS  
EDUCATION**



Tech HS Band

# PROP 28

The Largest Investment in Arts Education Ever!  
How Is Your School Community Planning to Use This Funding?

## Updates, the App-School Gig, and Career Pathways

- [Newest Updates to Prop 28](#) Courtesy Windsor USD
- [School Gig](#) - Use the new tool that connects schools with artists
- More arts educators will be needed! [Learn about career pathways](#)

## ArtsEd RESOURCES

**Sonoma County  
Arts Education Alliance**

*Mix and Mingle*

**Mitote Food Park - Santa Rosa  
Wednesday, March 27  
5:30-7:00**



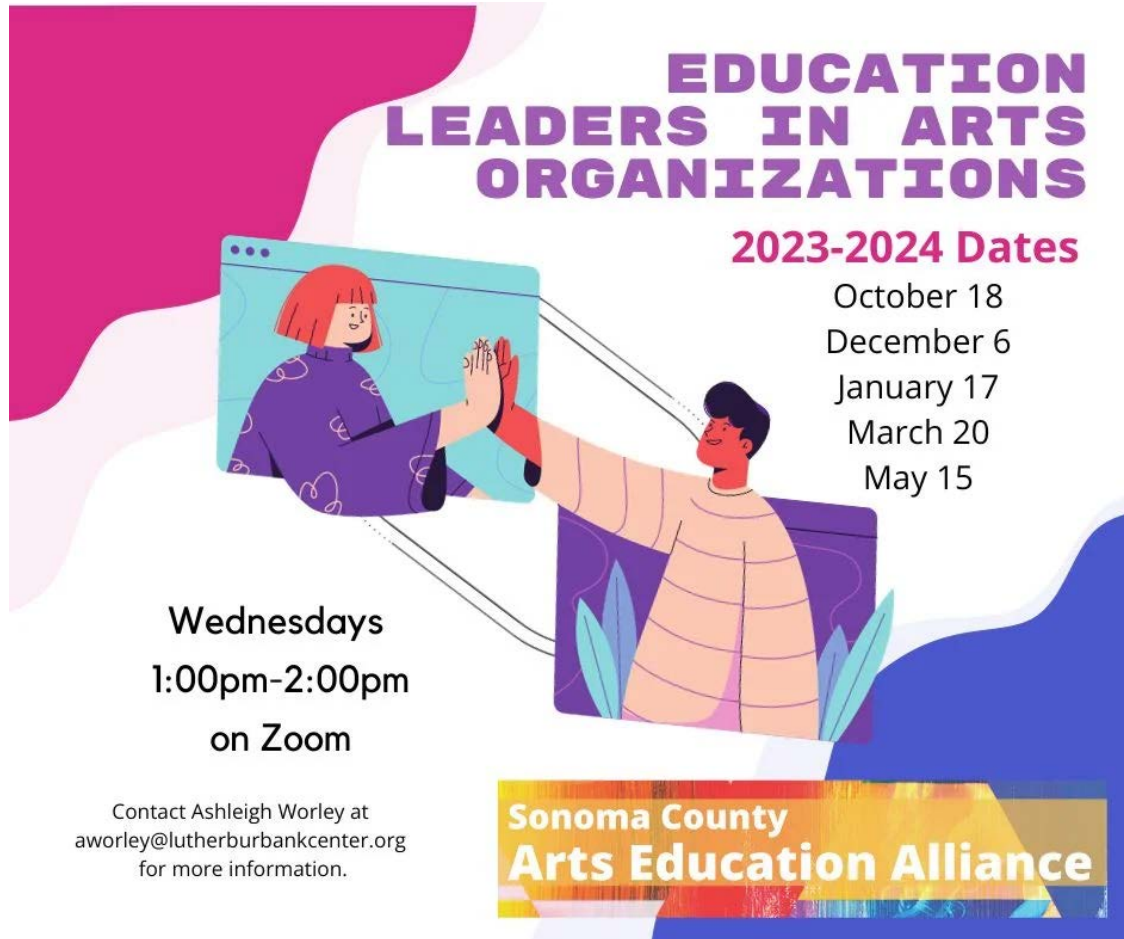
Interested in getting to know your fellow arts educators and advocates? Join us for an evening of connection and conversation!

**A Special Invite to School Visual Art Teachers!**

Join the AEA for a Mix and Mingle and learn what's going on in Sonoma County. Special call out to school visual art teachers-swing by Mitote to chat and network! All are welcome! Bring a friend!

### More Mixer Information

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## EDUCATION LEADERS IN ARTS ORGANIZATIONS

### 2023-2024 Dates

- October 18
- December 6
- January 17
- March 20
- May 15

**Wednesdays**  
**1:00pm-2:00pm**  
**on Zoom**

Contact Ashleigh Worley at [aworley@lutherburbankcenter.org](mailto:aworley@lutherburbankcenter.org) for more information.

**Sonoma County Arts Education Alliance**

Contact Ashleigh for More Information

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# Student Arts Spotlight

## Regional Honor Music Ensembles



NorCal Honor Band



NorCal Honor Jazz Band

2024

Sonoma County Honor Band



NorCal Honor Choir



**This monthly feature celebrates excellence in local arts education!**

Learn more: [www.creativesonoma.org/artsed-news-february-2024](http://www.creativesonoma.org/artsed-news-february-2024)

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

**ArtsEd OPPORTUNITIES  
FROM CREATIVESONOMA.ORG**

**From ArtsEd Directory:**

[Art Escape](#) is proud to partner with local school and art nonprofits



From [Opportunities:](#)

[Orff Music & Movement in Early Childhood](#) PD for music specialists



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