

Sonoma County Arts Education Alliance

April 2024 - Arts, Culture, & Creativity Advocacy Month

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TOP STORIES



Facilitated by
Dr. Brandon Krueger

JOIN THE CONVERSATION!



With Guest
Windsor TK Teacher,
Aida Herrera-Keehn

ARTFUL CONVERSATIONS

Presented by the Sonoma County Arts Education Alliance (AEA)

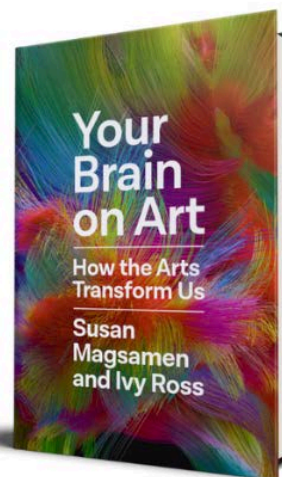
"YOUR BRAIN ON ART"

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

What Positive Influences Do
the Arts Have on Us?

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

Spanish Interpretation Available



How Can the Arts Transform Us?

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, join us for the premier Artful Conversations, focused on a foundational (and exciting) literary work called **YOUR BRAIN ON ART: How the Arts Transform Us**. This book will be used as a stepping-off point for future collaboration, dialogue, and experiences with and through the arts. **Tuesday, May 14 via Zoom from 4:30pm-5:30pm**

[Learn More and Register](#)



**First Ever Sonoma County
Arts Educator of the Year & Honorable Mentions Awarded!**

Pictured above: **Efraín Nava**, Elsie Allen HS; **Jolene Johnson**, Analy HS, **Kyle Thompson**, Cesar Chavez ES, **Yoshi Irene Makino**, Geyserville New Tech Academy (not pictured **Jessica Martin**, West Side ES)

Meet Sonoma County's Arts Educator of the Year, **Jolene Johnson**! As a dedicated dance teacher and Director of West County Dance Company, Jolene exemplifies excellence in arts education. Her remarkable leadership, unwavering commitment to equity, and tireless advocacy for the arts have left an indelible mark on our community and helped nurture new generations of artists. This award was presented by the Luther Burbank Center for the Arts in partnership with Creative Sonoma and sponsored by Daniels Chapel of the Roses. The award celebrates Jolene's outstanding contributions with an honorarium and a gift card for classroom supplies.

Thank you to all arts educators who make a difference in students' lives!




Meaningful Learning in Early Childhood Education A Festive Thought Art Open House

A Festive Thought Art Open House was held at the Sonoma County Office of Education on April 4 to share an exhibition of visual art from early childhood teachers and students. Reflections were provided from the Windsor, Bellevue, and Rincon Valley educators, who used art as a tool for communication and learning.

For more information about this project, contact SCOE UPK Coordinator, Ryan Kurada rkurada@scoe.org

FUNDING STREAMS FOR ARTS EDUCATION



A Festive Thought

PROP 28

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

Learn How Some Schools Are Expanding Access with Prop 28

Create CA provides highlights from six school districts across the state. Review these examples under "LEA Arts Education Program Files" on [Create CA Prop 28 Toolkit](#).

CALIFORNIA STATE CHAMPION

— 2024 —
CALIFORNIA POETRY OUT LOUD



 **RILEY O'HARA**
SONOMA COUNTY

Congratulations to California Poetry Out Loud's newest state champion, Riley O'Hara of Sonoma County! Riley, a sophomore at Sonoma Valley HS, won the competition held in Sacramento in mid-March. Riley will travel to Washington, DC at the end of April to represent California in the Poetry Out Loud National Competition! Good luck, Riley!

Learn More About Poetry Out Loud

ArtsEd RESOURCES

ASK FOR THE PLAN!
Be a Champion
for Your Student's
Arts Education

**April 23, 2024
10-11 AM PST
Register Online!**

**RESOURCES AND
CONTENT FROM
ART HAPPENS HERE
A NEW DOCUMENTARY
FROM JOHN LITHGOW**

ARTS EDUCATION ALLIANCE OF THE BAY AREA | ARTS FOR LA | California State PTA everychild.onevoice. | CREATE CA | FRIENDS OF SACRAMENTO ARTS | PBS SoCal

Ensure Your Student Receives The Many Benefits of an Arts Education!

Parents and community members - join in to learn about how to raise awareness about the many benefits of the arts to students and make sure the new funding is being used to expand current arts education programming in your local schools. **Arts Education Alliance of the Bay Area, Arts for LA, CA PTA, and Friends of Sacramento Arts** are joining together to help you take action to support the arts in your student's school! **PBS SoCal** will also be present to share a new show and resources about the value of arts education in schools.

Register

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
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for more information.

Sonoma County
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Student Arts Spotlight

Salmon Creek School - Harmony Union SD



This monthly feature celebrates excellence in local arts education!

Learn more: www.creativesonoma.org/artsed-news-april-2024

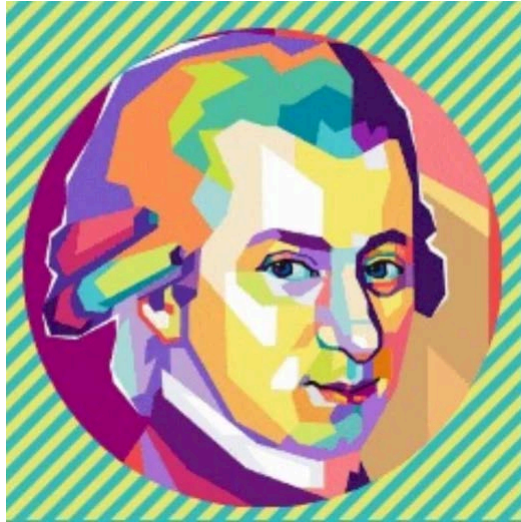
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**ArtsEd OPPORTUNITIES
FROM CREATIVESONOMA.ORG**

From [Arts Ed Directory](#):

[Move Over Mozart](#) offers group piano, ukulele, guitar, and art lessons available for schools and families



From [Opportunities](#):
[Understanding Neurodiversity](#): Building Compassion and Understanding for All Learners
Workshop on April 17



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