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Venice Arts Receives California Arts Council “Artists in Schools” Grant

Venice Arts is among 119 arts education organizations funded statewide

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The California Arts Council announced it plans to award \$5,670 to Venice Arts as part of its Artists in Schools program. This award will support media arts education programs at Olympic Continuation High School.

Artists in Schools is the California Arts Council's largest core grant program, supporting professional teaching artists in classroom and after-school settings. The 2014-15 Artists in Schools program will provide funding for 119 arts organizations to help bring instruction in music, theater, dance, visual arts, and other art forms to children statewide during the school year.

With the support of the California Arts Council, Venice Arts will continue to partner with Olympic Continuation High School (OHS) to provide standards-based, 12-week intensive documentary workshops in photography and film. The students will explore community stories through photography, writing assignments, lab workshops (both traditional darkroom and digital) and journaling. Like Venice Arts' afterschool programming, delivered at its location on Lincoln Boulevard in Venice, these workshops are designed to have a high level of impact on a small group of students, meeting the individual needs of participants through low student-to-artist ratios.

“We are thrilled to receive this renewed support from the California Arts Council, which enables us to continue our fruitful partnership with Olympic High School, with whom we have been working for the past six years,” said Elysa Voshell, Associate Director at Venice Arts. “The grant allows us to bring our proven, high-impact educational model into school classrooms, extending our reach to students whose learning is best supported by the small, alternative high school environment that OHS provides.”

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“Arts education leads to higher graduation rates, increased creativity, and greater aspirations,” said Craig Watson, Director of the California Arts Council. “Through our Artist in Schools program, the California Arts Council strives to improve K-12 education for thousands of our state’s young people – many of whom might not have access to arts education without the high-quality teaching artist residencies made possible by these grants.”



Venice Arts is among the organizations that will receive funding to bring professional teaching artists for in-school and after-school programs. These arts education experiences will provide a creative space and learning environment where K-12 students will be able to foster their own creativity and work together as innovative thinkers. The total amount awarded through the 2014-15 Artists in Schools program is \$1,055,688.

Funding for this program comes in part from the sale of the Arts Plate, the iconic license plate with a sunset and palm tree motif designed by California artist Wayne Thiebaud. The Arts Plate generates approximately \$3 million per year for arts programs benefiting children and communities throughout California.

More information is available at <http://www.artsplate.org/>.

Arts organizations or school administrators interested in information about the Artists in Schools program, including details and application deadlines, may contact California Arts Council Program Officers Wayne Cook at 916-322-6344 and wayne.cook@arts.ca.gov or Shelly Gilbride at 916-324-0075 and shelly.gilbride@arts.ca.gov.



About Venice Arts

Now in its twenty-first year, Venice Arts is a nonprofit arts organization that is committed to providing high-impact arts education for low-income youth in the areas of photography, filmmaking, and multimedia. In addition to its core Art Mentoring & Education Program, Venice Arts implements regional, statewide, and international Documentary Programs with both adults and children; presents exhibitions, public programs, and workshops for adults centered around documentary photography and film; and consults on media arts, visual storytelling, and arts education locally and internationally. It is the philosophy of Venice Arts that self-expression, particularly through the arts, has the potential to transform and empower young people to see greater possibilities for themselves and for their communities.

To find out more about Venice Arts, visit www.venicearts.org.