

Press Release

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Theatre Of Hearts Awarded California Arts Council “JUMP StArts” Grant *State funds support collaborative arts education projects for youth involved in the juvenile justice system*

Los Angeles, CA– The California Arts Council announced its plans to award \$34,000 to Theatre Of Hearts as part of its JUMP StArts program.

JUMP StArts supports high-quality arts education and artists-in-residence programs for youth engaged in the juvenile justice system. Activities may take place in classroom, after-school, social services, or incarceration settings. The proposed project must be designed and developed in partnership between an arts organization and a juvenile justice/social services entity. The project should demonstrate significant planning and should reflect a collaborative relationship between the partnering organizations.

Theatre Of Hearts will be working closely with a primary partner, The Los Angeles County Office Of Education Probation Department to bring quality arts enrichment workshops to be teenage boys/girls who are wards of the court at Juvenile Halls and Youth Detention Camp schools.

Theatre Of Hearts will deliver 312 program hours during/after school, comprised of 12 standards-based residencies in Visual Arts & Creative Writing. Contingent on site discussion, workshops will lead to a large scale, student-driven mural onsite a facility. The program will culminate with a public presentation.

“Our overarching objective is to provide innovative arts programming that correlate with current trends in the educational systems we serve, with careful attention to significant shifts in the demographics and cultural orientations in communities throughout LA County”

Theatre Of Hearts is one of 46 grantees chosen for this program. The award was featured as part of a [larger announcement](#) from the California Arts Council.

“The California Arts Council believes in the potential of the arts to enrich the lives of all our state’s residents, especially our young people,” said Nashormeh Lindo, California Arts Council Chair. “That belief does not change with our system-engaged youth; it grows stronger. The world we create for our young people today determines our world tomorrow. We are proud to support the work of Theatre Of Hearts.

To view a complete listing of all JUMP StArts grantees, visit http://arts.ca.gov/programs/files/FY1718_ProjectDescriptions_JUMP.pdf.

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The mission of Theatre Of Hearts is to promote understanding between people through cultural and artistic forums, and to empower local communities through education in the arts. Theatre Of Hearts conducts workshops such as the Youth First Artist-In-Residence Program to prevent and intervene in youth violence through ongoing, high quality, standards-based, multidisciplinary arts education workshops for youth and professional development workshops for educators offered at schools and community-based sites in underserved neighborhoods throughout Los Angeles County.

The mission of the California Arts Council, a state agency, is to advance California through the arts and creativity. The Council is committed to building public will and resources for the arts; fostering accessible arts initiatives that reflect contributions from all of California's diverse populations; serving as a thought leader and champion for the arts; and providing effective and relevant programs and services.

Members of the California Arts Council include: Chair Nashormeh Lindo, Vice Chair Larry Baza, Phoebe Beasley, Christopher Coppola, Juan Devis, Kathleen Gallegos, Jaime Galli, Donn K. Harris, Louise McGuinness, Steven Oliver, and Rosalind Wyman. Learn more at www.arts.ca.gov.