

Press Release

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Theatre Of Hearts Awarded California Arts Council “Arts Education: Extension” Grant

State funds support after school and summer arts education programming in the greater Los Angeles area

Los Angeles, CA – The California Arts Council announced its plans to award \$15,300 to Theatre Of Hearts as part of its Arts Education: Extension program.

As a segment of the California Arts Council Arts Education grant opportunities, Extension grants support arts education programs for PreK-12 students that operate after school and during the summer, on school sites, in artistic venues, and in community settings. The intention of the program is to offer young people sequential, hands-on training in artistic disciplines, including dance, literary arts, media arts, music, theatre, and visual arts.

Artist-In-Residence Program which are multidisciplinary, standards-based will commit to 260 program hours during the summer or after school in low income neighborhoods with boys and girls with gang or drug abuse affiliations, where quality arts instruction is limited. Each AIR Program culminates with a Work-In-Progress Presentation, in which students showcase their original artworks to peers, family, and the community-at-large

“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 169 grantees chosen for the Arts Education: Extension program. The award was featured as part of a [larger announcement](#) from the California Arts Council.

“The Arts Education Extension program capitalizes on the potential to create arts learning opportunities for California’s young people whenever and wherever possible,” said Nashormeh Lindo, California Arts Council Chair. “Projects like Theatre Of Hearts’ Summer and after school Artist-In-Residence Programs allow for the positive impacts of arts engagement to continue undeterred.”

To view a complete listing of all Arts Education Extension grantees, visit http://arts.ca.gov/programs/files/FY1718_ProjectDescriptions_AE-EXT.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.