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# LOCAL

## **Announcing a Major Expansion of CAC's Arts Education Grant Offerings**

The California Arts Council is thrilled to announce that they are now accepting applications for the 2016-17 Artists in Schools grant program! Due to an increased investment by the Governor and the Legislature this year, they've been able to craft a major expansion of arts education funding opportunities, including new grants to support dedicated afterschool and summer programs, field trips and assemblies, and early childhood arts learning.

[READ MORE via CALIFORNIA ARTS COUNCIL](#)

## **Watts Elementary School Draws On the Arts to Transform Itself**

As part of a school-wide project, students at Florence Griffith Joyner Elementary School are learning about different famous artists and drawing themselves in that style.

[READ MORE via SCPR](#)

## **Burton School District Plans for More Arts Programs**

During a Creativity at the Core convention this past summer, Oak Grove Elementary's Drama Club mentor Hector Marquez said he met a director from the California Alliance for Arts Education, who suggested developing a strategic arts plan. Marquez said the district has partnered with the California Alliance for Arts Education to come up with a strategic plan to bring more arts options for students.

[READ MORE via THE PORTERVILLE RECORDER](#)

# NATIONAL

## Robert L. Lynch Speaks of Hope, Unity, and Resilience at the End of This Presidential Election

As President-Elect Trump's administration takes shape, we will remain engaged to ensure that he and his transition team hear from arts leaders, community leaders, and activists and keep the arts central to the many pressing needs of the country. We will unite and strengthen our efforts to show that the arts represent the best of humanity, and urge President-Elect Trump's administration to advance pro-arts policies that will impact our society, communities, and generations to come.

[READ MORE via THE HUFFINGTON POST](#)

## 2016 National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Awards Announced

For the eighth and final time since assuming her role in the White House in 2009, First Lady Michelle Obama recognized and celebrated 12 young people from across the country today, on behalf of the award-winning Creative Youth Development programs in which they participate.

[READ MORE via NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES YOUTH PROGRAM AWARDS](#)

## Upcoming Events

How Can Education Foundations Support Arts Education?

Hosted by Arts for All

• December 6 | Los Angeles, CA

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SB 916 Reception with Senator Ben Allen

Hosted by California Alliance for Arts Education

• December 11 | Beverly Hills, CA

[LEARN MORE HERE](#)

Arts Advocacy Day

Hosted by Americans for the Arts

• March 20-21 | Washington, DC

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# TRENDING

## 10 Reasons to Support the Arts in 2016

“Arts improve academic performance. Students with an education rich in the arts have higher GPAs and standardized test scores, and lower drop-out rates—benefits reaped by students regardless of socio-economic status. Students with 4 years of arts or music in high school average 100 points higher on the verbal and math portions of their SATs than students with just one-half year of arts or music. 89 percent of Americans believe that arts are part of a well-rounded K-12 education.”

[READ THE ARTICLE via AMERICANS FOR THE ARTS](#)

## What Artists Can Learn from Teaching

There’s a mountain of evidence that arts education is valuable, even transformational, for all sorts of students, from young children to inmates at Rikers. It has been shown to improve emotional regulation, teamwork, and academic performance. Under the right circumstances, it can even act as a catalyst for social justice.

But flip the script: How does teaching influence teachers? Whether it’s critiquing an MFA painting class, giving a museum tour to a group of six graders, or leading a drawing workshop for developmentally disabled adults, working artists are often at the front lines of arts education. Many see teaching as a valuable practice, beyond simply a means of financial support.

[READ THE ARTICLE via ARTSY](#)

## A Blueprint for Successful Arts Education

Boston has been engaged in expanding arts education over the past seven years through an effort known as Boston Public Schools Arts Expansion, or BPS-AE, a mixed private and publicly funded coalition facilitated by nonprofit organization, EdVestors.

The efforts stem from the belief that by investing in young people’s creative capital today, we are nurturing the entrepreneurs, inventors, policymakers, and active citizens of tomorrow. While each city is unique, the public-private partnerships involved in this work employ common strategies.

[READ THE ARTICLE via EDWEEK](#)