



Proclamation

YOUTH ARTS MONTH

WHEREAS, the City of Palo Alto is proud to proclaim March 2021 as Youth Arts Month in Palo Alto as part of a national annual observance to emphasize the value of art education for all children and to encourage support for local art programs; and

WHEREAS, programs in the City of Palo Alto's Community Services Department, notably the Children's Theatre and the Palo Alto Art Center, have served as national leaders in providing standards-based education to children and youth; and

WHEREAS, over the past four to five decades, the City has partnered with the Palo Alto Unified School District to provide meaningful arts education programs to children and youth. These include the in-school outreach theatre programs offered by the Children's Theatre, Project Look, the Art Center's field trip program, and Cultural Kaleidoscope, the Art Center's artists-in-the-schools program. These programs have engaged thousands of children annually and have won awards in the process, including two California State Superintendent's Award for Excellence in Museum Education; and

WHEREAS, the award-winning Teen Arts Council, offered through the Community Services Department at the Art Center and Children's Theatre, provide teens with opportunities to share their voices and be heard, expose teens to practicing artists and professional opportunities, and showcase the value of creativity as a tool for expression and relaxation while providing leadership opportunities in the process; and

WHEREAS, the Community Services Department offers a diverse range of classes for children and youth. The Children's Theatre provides a premiere educational experience in all aspects of performing arts, including more than 100 classes. The Art Center serves thousands of children from the ages of 18 months to 18 years with after-school classes, family workshops, and week-long summer studios in a variety of media.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tom DuBois, Mayor of the City of Palo Alto on behalf of the entire City Council do hereby recognize March as Youth Arts Month for the City of Palo Alto.

Presented: March 2, 2021



Tom DuBois
Mayor