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The Arts Are Essential!

YOUNG ARTIST SHOWCASE

THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2021- 4:00 p.m.



Silicon Valley Reads and the Young Artist Showcase- A Virtual Celebration!

We are in the second year of a partnership of Artspiration and Silicon Valley Reads in presenting youth artistic and literary achievement in our event on Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 4 p.m.

Silicon Valley Reads' theme this year is "Connecting" – the universal human ability to build resilience by looking for people, places and things that provide comfort and joy during tough times. The Pandemic has emphasized the need to support our students during times when students are struggling socio-emotionally.

Artspiration, the arts initiative for the Santa Clara County Office of Education hosts the Young Artist Showcase to highlight youth art in our county. The theme this year is "In this changing world, the Arts are..." reflecting the ways the arts have been a source of healing, joy, and self-expression during a year of tumultuous change and distance learning.

We look forward to presenting this event of youth expression and resiliency and hope you can join us!

Date: May 20, 2021

Time: 4 to 4:30 p.m.

Location: Virtual- Via Zoom

Audience: Educators, Parents, Students, and

Community Members

Grade Level(s): TK - 12

Registration: https://bit.ly/3sGq1pi

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Attend our celebration of youth art at the SVReads/Young Artist Showcase Virtual Celebration!

STATE AND FEDERAL EDUCATION FUNDING AND THE ARTS

Sofia Fojas is the Arts Coordinator in the Integrated STEAM department, here at the Santa Clara County Office of Education. She can be a resource and a thought partner in creating culturally responsive, arts enriched learning activities for schools and districts to supplement the instruction being taught in your classrooms. Her support can further enhance and supplement instruction for teachers as we transition back to in-person instruction. The arts and creativity can provide a strong set of strategies for improving students' socioemotional well-being as well as connect families to schools in a positive way. Her experience and rich network of arts organizations and teaching artists could supplement summer and after school programming.

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ARTSPIRATION COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

Time: 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

May Community of Practice- May 26, 2021

Decolonizing Black Art and Culture





Tyson Amir, director of Freedom Soul Media Education and author of Black Boy Poems, will moderate a discussion with Veronica Talton, ARUSD Music Teacher, Tongo Eisen-Martin, teaching artist and San Francisco's Poet Laureate, and a Youth Artist to make meaning of arts and culture from the

perspective of the contemporary Black experience. The history of African American culture is tightly woven into the fabric of American culture and Black People are the creators of some of the most influential cultural artifacts. Indeed, Black art has shaped much of American artistic expression of the 20th and 21st century and it has been embraced around the world.

Join us in a thoughtful conversation that centers the liberation of Black lives, the role of Arts as life, its power, and its potential for positive impact for Black youth within the current education system.

June Community of Practice- June 9, 2021 Holding the Reflective Space



REGISTER

As we transition to in-person instruction and the end of the year, how can we reflect together upon the new learnings and teaching strategies we created for distance learning, hybrid learning and in-person instruction in the arts? Come together in this year's last community of practice to discuss and share what's been successful and the types of resources you are looking for as you plan for the 2021-2022 school year. Open to arts organizations, teaching artists, administrators, and educators.

MORE OPPORTUNITIES

Sign up Arts Equity Cohort 2!

Attend the Arts Integration Institute 2021
June 7-10, 2021

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



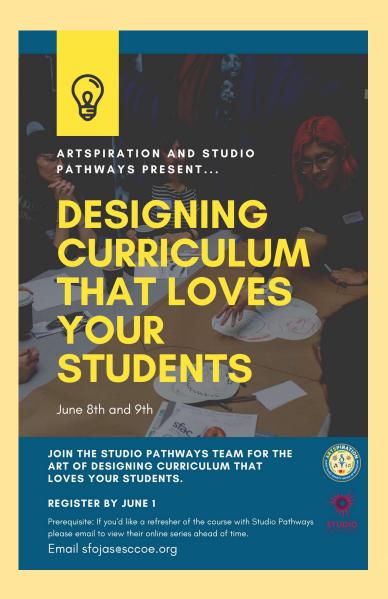
We are looking for teachers, principals, and their partner arts organization to form a second Arts Equity Cohort for academic year 2021-22. The arts are an important driver of creativity, self-expression, socio-emotional learning, and assessing what students know and have learned. Join a team of educators and work with the amazing Studio Pathways in developing culturally responsive, arts integrated lessons to support students' in developing as thoughtful, collaborative, and creative individuals.

REGISTER

**This cohort requires attendance at a summer session from June 7-10 as well as 5 sessions during the 2021-2022 academic year.

Arts Equity Cohort 1
June 8-9, 2021
9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Our amazing team of teaching artist, administrators, and teachers are continuing the journey of creating culturally responsive, arts-integrated activities for their students! The arts are more important now than ever in supporting selfexpression, an inclusive and nurturing learning environment, an authentic way to assess student knowledge and learning





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