



# Artspiration Newsletter

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## Artspiration News



Welcome to the December issue of the Artspiration Newsletter! As we return from a wonderful Thanksgiving break, the concert and exhibition season is upon us—best wishes for a successful season of celebrating the arts at your schools.

The ArtsEdConnect Grant was a success this year. We are grateful to all who applied and look forward to reading about the rich art activities in your classrooms this year! And remember to send in your artwork and videos for this year's Young Artist Showcase!

## Artspiration-Sponsored Events

**2025 Young Artist Showcase: The Arts Build Civic Engagement: Involved in Arts, Involved in Life!**



**The 2025 Young Artist Showcase application is open.**

The Santa Clara County Office of Education announces the 2025 Young Artist Showcase.

This showcase is open to public school students, grades Pre-kindergarten through 12th grade, in Santa Clara County. Adjudicators will determine the student artwork to be accepted into the permanent exhibit of student artwork located within the SCCOE campuses and showcased at the *virtual* Young Artist Showcase Celebration on May 23, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. All artwork will be submitted digitally.

This year's artwork theme is inspired by research highlighted by the National Endowment of the Arts in 2004: Arts as Civic Engagement: Involved in Arts, involved in Life (National Endowment for the Arts, 2004). In 2017, the Invine Foundation funded a study that had similar findings (Rabkin, 2017). There is a consistent correlation between arts participation and civic engagement, and experiences during adolescence are particularly impactful (Rabkin, 2017, p. 5). The arts build connections between people, evoking trust, and are crucial in rebuilding social capital - shared values and resources used towards achieving a common goal or set of goals.

### Key Dates

2024-25 YOUNG ARTISTS SHOWCASE SELECTION PROCESS:

- November 1, 2024 – April 1, 2025 | Electronic submissions of PK-12th grade student artwork and media
- Week of April 14, 2025 | People's Choice Awards Adjudication
- May 13, 2025 | Online Student Art Gallery at [www.sccoe.org/arts/yas](http://www.sccoe.org/arts/yas)
- May 23, 2025 | Young Artists Virtual Showcase Celebration for all grades: 4:00 p.m.

Click on the button below to access the guidelines in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

[Visit the 2025 Young Artist Showcase Web Page](#)

## 2025 ¡Viva el mariachi! Showcase

Save-the-Date! We welcome back the Mariachi Los Gavilanes from Monaco Middle School in Las Vegas to perform highlighting local groups on April 3, 2025! Click the button below for more information!



[Visit our Mariachi Webpage](#)

## Arts and Music in Schools (Prop. 28) News

The California Department of Education just sent out an email to members on their Prop 28 listserv with up-to-the-minute news:

- There is a new AMS Funding Guarantee and Accountability Act Year-at-a-Glance.

- A master list of all annual reports is now posted on the AMS webpage. The Proposition 28: Arts and Music in Schools - School Site Calculation Excel file details school site level allocations for the AMS program. The Proposition 28: Arts and Music in Schools funding exhibit aggregates funding to the local educational agency. Navigate to the funding exhibit web page at the link(s) below, select the applicable drop downs for Period and Entity, then select Proposition 28: Arts and Music in Schools and the applicable County/District/Charter information, then select "Preview Report."

Visit the AMS Website

- The AMS Portal has been updated for 24-25 allocations.

Source: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/eo/in/prop28artsandmusicdefunding.asp>

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## Partner Corner

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**Disclaimer:** These professional learning opportunities and resources are intended solely to provide access to information. Including an opportunity or resource is neither an endorsement nor a recommendation by the SCCOE.

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ARTHOUSE STUDIO offers over 23 years of experience with ART TEACHERS, TRAINING, and ART VIDEOS that fit into the Prop 28 art funding guidelines. Our unique 5-10 minute "Art Break" mental health videos provide classrooms with videos and art materials that speak directly to students. These videos offer prompts, calming techniques, and exercises to create a positive

mind shift in the classroom. Feel free to contact us for training, teachers, or our videos for a successful and fun art year!

Email [julie@arthousestudioca.org](mailto:julie@arthousestudioca.org) for details!

Website: <https://arthousestudioca.org/>

Click Here for a Peak!

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## Research

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Check out **Preparing Teachers for Place-based Arts Teaching!** This new success story shares about the K-12 Art Licensure Program at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. This program centers on localized, place-based learning to prepare its students for the classroom. With the unique rural situation in Alaska, students can complete their classes virtually or in person. Teaching

internships allow the intern to hone teaching and classroom management skills across a range of grades while building professional relationships within their community, often in more than one school. The program also provides interns with financial scholarships for tuition and a living stipend



to help address teacher recruitment and retention.

[Access the Study Here](#)

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## Turn Around Arts California Impact Report

**TURNAROUND ARTS:**  
**CALIFORNIA**

Turnaround Arts: California's community-driven programming is centered on supporting the development and leadership of teachers and principals to ensure the long-term success and sustainability of the arts in our schools. Through arts-based coaching, professional development, peer learning communities, and funding for special projects, we empower educators to create equitable, arts-rich schools where all students can succeed.

Research shows that the arts:

- Boost engagement in classroom learning
- Build self-confidence, empathy, and collaboration skills
- Support relationship and community-building
- Encourage teacher innovation and risk-taking to reach all students
- Make curriculum responsive and accessible to students from diverse backgrounds

[Read the Report Here](#)

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## Technical Assistance and Office Hours

As your County Arts Coordinator, I am available for consultation about all things arts education and can provide professional learning for educators, arts organizations, and community organizations. If you would like to connect, send me an email. In my response email, use the hyperlink 'Book time with Sofia Fojas' to set up a meeting. The meeting link can be found below my signature.

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