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GRASS VALLEY-NEVADA CITY CULTURAL DISTRICT

Welcome to Culture Connection

Grass Valley-Nevada City Cultural District's newsletter featuring the events, stories and people of our community

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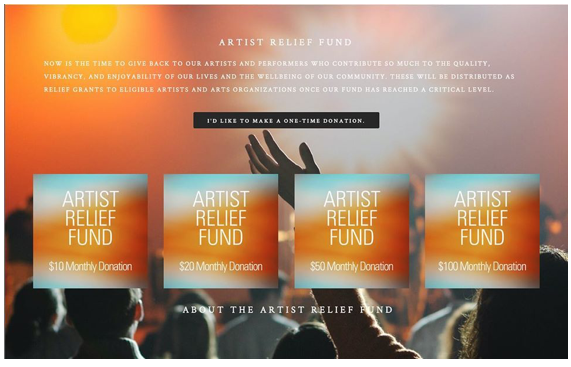

Artist Relief Fund

sArts events, concerts, and productions have been cancelled in venues across the county due to the effects of COVID-19 - and professional artists whose livelihoods are dependent on these events are facing insurmountable losses.

In response, Nevada County Arts Council has formed a coalition of local arts organizations to create an emergency initiative to offer financial and informational resources to artists within Nevada County.

Now is the time to give back to our artists who contribute so much to the quality of our lives and the wellbeing of our community. Funds will be distributed as micro relief grants to eligible artists once our fund has reached a critical level.

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY! Your tax-deductible donation goes directly toward the support of professional artists in all disciplines whose livelihoods have been affected by the public health crisis.

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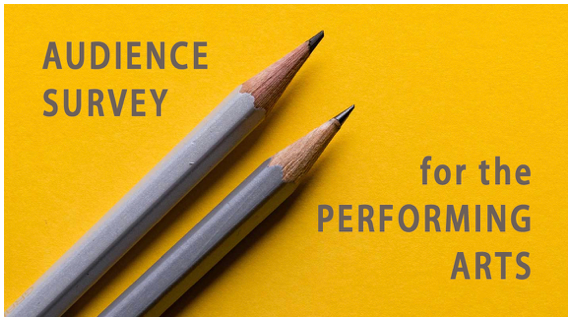

Nevada County Arts Council's Audience Survey for the Performing Arts

Please take our five-minute survey.

As Nevada County slowly re-opens amidst a global public health crisis, performing and presenting organizations want to hear from you, their audiences. Please take Nevada County Arts Council's short survey to help inform our arts leaders as they make important decisions about your safety and comfort, as well as your personal preferences.

TAKE THE SURVEY

The Center for the Arts Open Gallery

The Center for the Arts has entered its first phase of reopening with limited capacity Open Gallery events that offer the public a chance to enjoy the current art exhibit, as well as the new bar, for an artful happy hour. **The bar and gallery are open on Thursdays and Fridays from 4:00 – 7:00pm throughout the summer.**

In The Granucci Gallery, visitors will experience the inaugural fine art exhibit Strata, from local artist Nancy Mintz. In her most recent work, Mintz moves beyond the personal to examine the diversity of natural biological communities, and the processes of growth, decay, and succession. During Open Galleries you are also invited to visit Rick's Bar & Cafe for canned brews, bottled wines and full bar service.

The Center for the Arts is currently limiting their capacity of the bar and gallery to 35 visitors at a time for proper social distancing. Masks are required to be worn when inside The Center and patrons are asked to please maintain a distance of 6 feet from patrons from other parties when waiting to enter the building and throughout the gallery and bar areas. Check here for current updates regarding COVID-19 protocols at The Center for the Arts.

Sierra Theaters Re-Opens the Del Oro Theatre

Sierra Theaters **opens the doors to the big-screen adventure once again, beginning this Friday, June 26th, at the Del Oro Theatre.**

Movies and showtimes for Friday through Thursday, June 26th through July 2nd, are:

- The Avengers (2012) – PG-13, 3:00, 6:30 PM
- Zootopia – PG, 4:00 PM
- The Greatest Showman – PG, 7:30 PM
- Raiders of the Lost Ark – PG, 7:00 PM
- Ferris Bueller's Day Off – PG-13, 3:30 PM

More classic titles will show over the next few weeks. The first new releases will come later in July, with Disney's *Mulan* on July 24th and Christopher Nolan's *Tenet* on July 31st.

All seating will now be reserved, and tickets must be purchased in advance. Sierra Theaters re-opens with a commitment to following the Health and Safety Guidelines put forth by the CDC, California Public Health, and Nevada County Public Health officials. In alignment with these guidelines and following standards implemented by movie theaters across the country, Sierra Theaters will:

- Limit auditorium capacity to 25% as mandated by the State of California (eliminating every other row of seats and seating groups at least two seats apart)
- Implement all RESERVED SEATING
- Require guests to wear FACE COVERINGS while in the lobby areas and restrooms
- Increase CLEANING AND SANITIZATION
- Require additional TRAINING and HEALTH CHECKS for employees

Del Oro Theatre employees will be wearing masks and guests will be asked to wear masks and line up six feet apart. An usher will escort guests to a reserved seat and there will be hand sanitizer and wipes available for guest use. Restroom capacity will be limited.

"We look forward to welcoming the community back to the movies. Please help us make this a safe and fun experience for everyone by cooperating with our new guidelines. And don't forget to get your tickets in advance as seating capacity is limited!" - Azriel LaMarca.

TICKETS and SHOWTIMES

"What I Make of My Space" Online Exhibition

"What I Make Of My Space" is an online exhibition prompted by global guidance to "shelter in place" at the beginning of the COVID-19 public health crisis.

The "Call to All" invited visual and written reflections on spaces that hold meaning for individuals around the world. Artists were asked whether these spaces had been easy to inhabit, or simply places of confinement, and they were asked to provide their unique personal perspectives during this challenging moment in our history. Several submissions responding to themes of racial injustice were submitted and these are also included in the exhibition.

The exhibition is directed by Nevada County Arts Council Artist in Residence, Ruth Chase. This is Ruth's third curated project for Nevada County Arts, and - common to each of her projects - carries a special aim of having artists and "non-artists" exhibiting side by side. Ruth believes that well-curated work can take the elitism out of an exhibition and bring quality work - and people - together.

We invite you to explore the work of these artists from around the world:
Francesco Boi
Aqueila M. Lewis-Ross
Luba Kuzmina
Juliette Morris Williams
Georgina Marie
Sara Visvader
Monique Peterson
Nikiya Kiara Basilio Crisostomo
Donn K. Harris
Jennifer Rugge
Toma Jelenc
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VISIT THE ONLINE EXHIBIT

MIM Virtual SummerFest
Family Music & Cultural Arts Fair

On Wednesday, July 1st, 2020, Music in the Mountains will be presenting a day of fun activities for children and families on their YouTube channel, which is available to the public here. This is a free event; donations are welcome.

The day starts at 10:00am with a beginning dance class presented by Sierra Dance Institute. The dance class will be followed by MIM's popular "Meet the Orchestra Concert" at 11:00am.

At noon, local author, Alicia Frost will read children's stories, after which Nevada City

School District's Music Theater Enrichment Instructor, Kari Stehmeyer, will present a puppet play to the Sound of Music's *Lonely Goatherd*. Children will be invited to play along using items found around the house,. "My goal is for my time 'on air' to ignite a love for all things theatrical and artsy in the participants", said Stehmeyer.

The day will end with craft time starting at 2:00pm. Kids will be encouraged to grab items from around their houses to make upcycled musical instruments.

"The original goal of this event was to bring children and families together to enjoy great music and learn about arts organizations in Nevada County," said MIM Executive Director Jenny Darlington-Person. "When COVID-19 forced us to cancel the in-person music fair at the Nevada County Fairgrounds, we thought it was important to keep the spirit of the event alive, so we reached out to artists and teachers to create a virtual extravaganza."

RSVP to this EVENT

ArtWorks Gallery Reopens

Working artists are never at a loss for something to do and the 30 artists in the Art Works Gallery Co-op have spent these last three months creating their art with a bit more freedom than time usually allows. They are excited and ready to share their new work with patrons. The gallery features work in wood, glass, clay, metal, fiber, photography and painting.

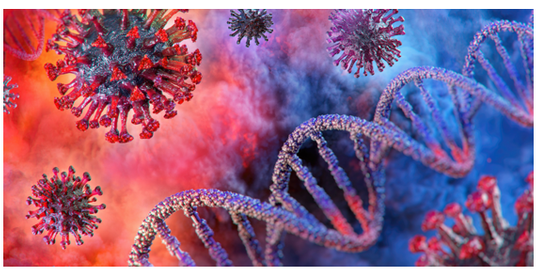
Art Works Gallery reopened June 17th, having been closed since mid-March. The 2,000 square foot gallery has limited hours as well as new sanitation and safety procedures in place to protect the health of their artists and customers. **The new hours of operation are Wednesday through Sunday from 11:00am to 3:00pm.** Weekend hours will expand to 11:00am to 5:00pm, beginning the first weekend in July.

COVID-19 Resources for the Creative Community

Nevada County Arts Council has put together a directory of the most current news and resources for the creative community and the community at large. This directory, which is updated regularly, includes information about funding, staying connected and virtual entertainment opportunities, including:

- Funding for organizations
- Funding for individual artists
- Virtual entertainment from around the globe in all disciplines - including dance, film, kids activities, literary arts, music, podcasts, theatre, and the visual arts
- Staying connected via the best of social media
- Arts education
- Preparedness in the arts and for creative businesses
- State and local government updates
- Arts advocacy
- Artist calls for Nevada County Artists in all disciplines
- Calendar of both virtual and place-bound events

COVID-19 RESOURCES DIRECTORY



COVID-19 Arts & Culture Early Impact Survey

Nevada County Arts Council issued a creative sector survey for individuals and organizations on March 28, 2020 to gather early data on the impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency. 257 submissions were received at the closing of this initial survey on April 18, 2020.

This report includes information about the devastating losses to our creative community, together with the stories of strength and resilience for which our sector is known. and which will help our communities to heal, recover and build long-term resilience.

VIEW THE REPORT

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Grass Valley-Nevada City is one of 14 districts selected by The California Arts Council to serve as California's inaugural state-designated Cultural Districts. Each one of us is an ambassador of our community, so **please help us celebrate our heritage and the people, places, traditions and events that contribute to the quality of life here by sharing your photos on Instagram with #GVNCCulturalDistrict.**

Follow these local artists and businesses who are already sharing their images and video: (Click on the name to view their Instagram page; click on the image to view that specific photo on their page.)

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