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Arts in Education Action Forum: Creating the Future of Arts Education in LA County



**Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce
Bank of America Room A & B
350 S Bixel Street
Los Angeles, CA 90017**

June 11, 2019

AGENDA

Tuesday June 11, 2019

Desired Results

- Map the philanthropic community's current efforts in supporting Arts Education, as well as the potential for alignment with child/youth development, career pathways, and health & wellness initiatives.
- Draw from philanthropy's knowledge and expertise to create urgency, catalyze change, and leverage resources for ensuring the arts are part of every child's public education, social-emotional development, out-of-school learning, and career preparation.
- Envision next steps for continuing to evolve the Arts Ed Collective Funders Council as an ideal public/private partnership.

10:00 am **Check-in & Refreshments**

10:15 am **Welcome & Context**

10:30 am **Mapping the Philanthropic Communities' Arts Education Initiatives**

10:45 am **Input into the LA County Regional Plan for Arts Education**

11:30 am **Envisioning the Ideal Public/Private Partnership**

11:50 am **Closing Reflections**

SCG Learning Environment Commitment

- SCG has a no solicitation policy in order to allow candid discussion.
- Attendees may hear comments from speakers or peers in the room that reflect personal opinions and do not represent the opinions of SCG. As a nonpartisan organization, SCG endeavors to create spaces for civic discourse and requests that questions and perspectives are framed in a way that is respectful to all participants.

Materials and information from this meeting may be found under the resources section of the SCG webpage: <https://www.socalgrantmakers.org/resources/search>.

ARTS IN EDUCATION ACTION FORUM

A well-rounded public education – that by definition includes arts – equips students with the skills they need to succeed in school, career and life. This is particularly important in LA County where one in seven jobs is generated by the creative economy. Yet, not all 1.5 million students attending public schools in LA County have access to high quality arts education.

Grantmakers have an important role to play in addressing this critical issue. This is why Southern California Grantmakers partners with the public-private Arts Education Collective Funders Council to host semi-annual forums which dive into pressing issues, connect stakeholders, and explore ways to provide all youth with developmental experiences that embrace the arts.

Today's Forum provides an opportunity for public, private and corporate funders to pool knowledge, expertise, and perspectives to inform what arts education, youth and community development, and the creative economy can look like five to ten years into the future if we work together.

We know the arts are fundamental to human growth and development, and a cornerstone of healthy communities. We know that creative industry workers are paid almost double the countywide average. We also know that young people who receive a well-rounded education that includes the arts are given the tools they need to achieve their full potential.

Please share your input, creative thinking, and collaborative spirit to help imagine a healthier, more equitable future for Angelenos which is deeply rooted in creative approaches to learning, healing, and advancement.

Opportunities to Engage

- Attend an LA County Regional Plan for Arts Education community forum (through June 22, 2019)
See back cover & visit <https://www.lacountyartsedcollective.org/events>
- Meet with an Arts Ed Collective Funders Council member to learn more
See page 6
- Use the Arts Ed Profile to advocate for equitable arts instruction in schools
<https://www.lacountyartsedcollective.org/arts-ed-profile>
- Follow the CREATE LA County movement for arts education:
<https://www.createca.org/lacounty>

PARTNER ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

About Southern California Grantmakers

Southern California Grantmakers (SCG) is a regional association for philanthropists and grantmakers working to make a difference in our communities and around the world. Our members include family, private, public, independent, community and corporate foundations and corporate giving programs, individuals, and government agencies.

We believe that a strong and informed giving community is essential to improving the quality of life for all Southern Californians. At SCG, we understand the region's philanthropic community, we know our local nonprofits and civic partners, and we recognize the key issues you face. SCG connects grantmakers across Southern California through sector-wide conferences, trainings, networking opportunities and funder convenings—providing space for collaboration and coordinated action on critical issues. We support and advance effective grantmaking in eight Southern California counties: Los Angeles, Orange, Kern, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura.



About the Arts Ed Collective

The [LA County Arts Ed Collective](#) was established in 2002 by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to align efforts across the region so that all 1.5 million public school students receive a quality, well-rounded education that includes the arts. To achieve this objective, the Arts Ed Collective supports and connects school districts, arts organizations, policy makers, funders, and other key stakeholders who are working to advance arts education. The Los Angeles County Arts Commission is the backbone of the initiative and the Los Angeles County Office of Education is the lead implementation partner.



PARTICIPANT BIOS



Denise Grande

**Director of Arts Education
LA County Arts Commission**

Denise Grande is Director of Arts Education at the Los Angeles County Arts Commission where she oversees the Los Angeles County Arts Education Collective, a regional initiative dedicated to making the arts core in public education. In this role she works alongside local, state and national colleagues to activate systemic change that ensures all of LA County's 1.5 million public school students receive a quality arts education. This involves promoting a common agenda, shepherding a 200+ partner coalition that engages over 100 arts organizations and 70 school districts, guiding communications efforts and spearheading research to inform strategy. Previously, Ms. Grande was Director of Programs and Strategic

Partnerships for the Metropolitan Opera Guild at Lincoln Center. During her 20 years at The Music Center in Los Angeles, she played a leadership role in arts education program design, implementation, research and evaluation. Ms. Grande received her BA from UCLA in dance and was a Coro Fellow through the California Arts Council's Arts Leadership Fellow Program.



Laura Valles

**Consultant
Soluna Group**

Laura Valles is an impact-oriented consultant dedicated to advancing community and social transformation. Her commitment to social justice was born from her experiences growing up in the predominately Latino community of Boyle Heights in Los Angeles.

As the daughter of Mexican immigrants, Laura encountered first-hand how institutionalized racism, disinvestment, and classism impacted her family and the broader community. Her passionate commitment to addressing these conditions began in high school and continues today in her role as a community and organizational development consultant, strategic planner, community facilitator, and trainer. Laura is also a certified community coach and coaching fellow.

Over the last 25 years, Laura has partnered with people and organizations to improve the lives of children, families, and communities across the state of California. Her firm's focus areas include community building, early care and education, child welfare, civic engagement, health, environmental justice, and mental health.

Laura holds an undergraduate degree from UC Berkeley and a Master's in Social Work from San Jose State University. She is fully bilingual and bicultural in English and Spanish. Laura loves to travel and hopes to retire abroad so she can continue to explore the world's delicious cuisine, amazing people, and beautiful landscapes. Laura is also an avid gardener and aspires to grow all her own fruits, vegetables and herbs.



Chrysta Wilson

**Consultant
Soluna Group**

Chrysta Wilson is an impact-focused consultant actively working as a coach, researcher, community builder, thought-partner, strategist, and facilitator in the fields of community and organizational development since 1998.

Chrysta was raised in the American South by parents raised under oppressive "Jim Crow" laws. Her family's experiences built her foundational understanding of and commitment to social justice. These experiences, in addition to her work in under-resourced communities, built her lifelong commitment to supporting efforts that strengthen people, communities, and organizations

Chrysta holds a Bachelors of Science in Public Policy and a Masters of Public Administration with a focus in Community Development from the University of Southern California. She is also an International Coach Federation (ICF) Certified Professional Coach. Chrysta has professional-level Spanish proficiency, greatly improved through her community-based partnerships with Spanish-speaking residents and extended travels throughout Mexico.

Chrysta is also an award-winning pastry chef, former owner of one of LA's most popular bakeries, and author of an award-winning, best selling cookbook. She continues to cook and bake for her partners because, as she has learned throughout her travels of the world, food brings people together.

FUNDERS COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Arts Ed Collective Funders Council is working closely with SCG to facilitate conversations and provide information about the important role of the arts in supporting quality public education.

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To learn more about the Arts Ed Collective or to connect with a Funders Council member, contact Tom McKenzie: TMcKenzie@arts.lacounty.gov

NOTES

PLEASE JOIN ONE OF THE UPCOMING CONVERSATIONS

The Community Forums will engage youth, parents, and community members - as well as representatives from schools, arts organizations, local businesses, creative industries, workforce development, social services, and local government - in a conversation to envision how together we can create and support thriving children, healthy families, and stronger communities through the arts. These free events are open to ALL LA County residents.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	ADDRESS
Saturday, May 18	9:30AM - 12:30PM	Antelope Valley Partners for Health	44226 10th Street West Lancaster, CA 93534
Thursday, May 30	6:00PM - 9:00PM	Self-Help Graphics	1300 E 1st St Los Angeles, CA 90033
Tuesday, June 4	6:00PM - 9:00PM	Douglas F. Dollarhide Community Center	301 N. Tamarind Ave. Compton, CA 90220
Thursday, June 6	6:00PM - 9:00PM	Lawndale High School	14901 Inglewood Ave Lawndale, CA 90260
Saturday, June 8	9:30AM - 12:30PM	Santa Clarita Sports Complex	20870 Centre Pointe Pkwy Santa Clarita, CA 91350
Monday, June 10	6:00PM - 9:00PM	Long Beach City College Liberal Arts Campus	4901 East Carson Street Long Beach, CA 90808
Wednesday, June 12	1:00PM - 4:00PM	dA Center for the Arts	252 S Main St. #D Pomona, CA 91766
Thursday, June 13	1:00PM - 4:00PM	The Younes and Soraya Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts	18111 Nordhoff St Northridge, CA 91330
Saturday, June 15	9:30AM - 12:30PM	Whittier Community Center	7630 Washington Ave Whittier, CA 90602
Wednesday, June 19	1:00PM - 4:00PM	Nate Holden Performing Arts Center	4708 W Washington Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90016
Saturday, June 22	9:30AM - 12:30PM	Santa Monica Civic Auditorium	1855 Main Street Santa Monica, CA 90401

This will be a friendly space for conversation and everyone is welcome!

A light meal will be served. Spanish & ASL interpretation available.

PLEASE RSVP BY VISITING:

<http://lacountyartsedcollective.org/community-forum/rsvp>

Walk-ins welcome.