

Press Release

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Inyo Council for the Arts Awarded Three California Arts Council Grants

State funds support various ongoing arts and cultural activities across Inyo County

INYO COUNTY, CA – Earlier this month, the California Arts Council announced three grants were awarded to Inyo Council for the Arts (ICA) as part of its Arts Education Exposure, Local Impact, and Youth Arts Action programs, allowing ICA to continue funding arts and culture programming throughout Inyo County.

Arts Education Exposure supports attendance at high-quality performances and exhibits for students with limited access to these experiences. Experiences will offer deep cultural resonance with the student communities served and will be complemented by pre- and post-attendance activities, such as artist talkbacks, teaching artist workshops, and facility tours.

Inyo Council for the Arts will collaborate with the Inyo County Office of Education to provide artistic and cultural experiences to PK-12th grade students throughout the county. Select students will have the opportunity to visit the Nevada Museum of Art and the Museum of Tolerance and attend assemblies by Kira Wiley and UNLV band ensembles. These opportunities will include a variety of culturally-rich, high-quality, and hands-on arts experiences, guiding students to develop an appreciation for and deep personal connection with the arts.

Local Impact supports community-driven arts projects for small and mid-sized arts organizations to foster equity, access, and opportunity by centering the arts as a vehicle for building strong, healthy, vibrant, and resilient communities.

Inyo Council for the Arts will continue to collaborate with the County of Inyo and other community partners to produce a series of Community Art Days in the rural and remote communities of Inyo County. These events engage residents and visitors in culturally rich, high quality, and hands-on art experiences and activities, encouraging attendees to develop an appreciation and deep personal connection with the arts.

Through our Community Art Days, we concentrate on constructing, advancing, and producing arts activities that engage and stimulate participants of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities. In our region, activating intergenerational and multicultural community participants begins with providing indispensable and enjoyable art experiences to individuals who may have no previous experience with or exposure to the arts.

Youth Arts Action supports projects for youth that operate outside of school time in artistic venues, community settings, and on school sites. This program encourages relevant, dynamic, and innovative community building and learning through youth-focused arts and culture projects.

Building on the success of the After School Classes program ICA implemented in 2018, teaching artists from across Inyo County will continue to provide free, comprehensive, culturally and linguistically responsive fine arts units for Inyo County students. We are excited to again partner with the Inyo County Probation Department for this grant program. These countywide after school programs will teach fine art skills and mentor student artists to develop their own personal style and sense of artistic expression. Learn more about this up and coming program at inyo.org/youthartsaction.

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These three awards was featured as part of a [larger announcement](#) from the California Arts Council, with grant funds totaling a projected \$24,508,541 for 2018-19, the highest investment in statewide arts programming since the 2000-01 fiscal year.

Inyo Council for the Arts (ICA) is a non-profit community-based organization that advances the arts in Inyo County through participation, education, and collaboration. Art enriches lives, creates a language that connects all people, and celebrates diverse cultures and historical heritages. ICA provides venues for artists to perform and share their work and for the community to gather in appreciation of the arts. Inyo Council for the Arts works to provide an environment in which the arts thrive by bringing quality programs and events to our community.

The mission of the California Arts Council, a state agency, is to advance California through the arts and creativity. The Council is committed to building public will and resources for the arts; fostering accessible arts initiatives that reflect contributions from all of California's diverse populations; serving as a thought leader and champion for the arts; and providing effective and relevant programs and services.