



April - May 2023 Edition

50 Years Strong: Steps into the dark, faith in our future

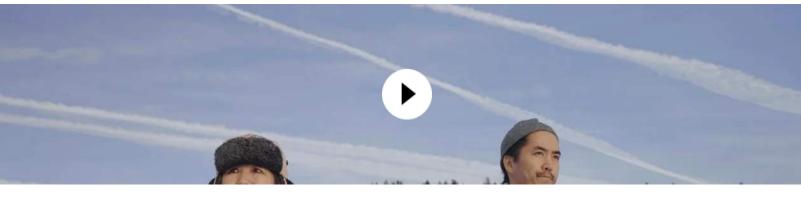
As the trills of birds greet our mornings, we can still hear the cries for justice and peace that echoed through our homes and within our hearts three years ago. Our work, our effort, and our joy at RACC is our ability to meet creatives and community not only where they are at, but also where they want to be. As we are in community with one another, we understand that we continue to face challenges from internal and external forces that are shaping our neighborhoods, work spaces, and mindsets. RACC sits in a nexus of these continuums with a deep understanding, thanks to our community, of how we can support and carry forward to do what needs to be done, led by Equity.

We are seeing a re-marginalization of our community at an ever-increasing rate. And, RACC is building deeper alliances with funders and our partners throughout Multnomah, Washington, and Clackamas counties, and at the state and national levels to alleviate the ensuing strain on resources in this region. RACC has two active NEA grants that serve all three counties. We have lead the reallocation of over \$19 million in federal funding directly to artists, creatives, and arts serving organizations over the past three years. Our recent experience helps us to understand and know that the dollars are there; however, they are not being brought into service for those who most need them—both locally and in regional spaces. Instead, these dollars are being reallocated for projects as yet unidentified—but away from those most needful of the support and those most underrepresented in the culture and arts landscape. To ensure equitable access, we will continue to partner with those who wish to see a stronger Portland, a more resilient Portland-metro community, and a safer, more responsive world for every adult and every child.

Please enjoy our most recent Annual Impact Report and center yourself in our work. See how our dollars have been spent—deep into our community. And, let us know how we can be of service to you and how you wish to partner with us to achieve our mission of enriching our communities through culture and art. Stay tuned for information on our upcoming recognition and community celebration of the work of RACC

(since 1995), formerly the Metropolitan Arts Commission (from 1973), as we acknowledge 50 years of service to our cultural and artistic communities. Our board and team are humbled at being a community asset for half a century...let us know how we can best serve the community for the next 50 years! —Carol Tatch, Chief of External Operations

Kevin Truong, Make|Learn|Build Grant Recipient, Selected to Participate in DocPitch with documentary Mai American



making of the documentary, Mai American, is one of five films that have been selected to participate in this year's DocPitch (a virtual film pitching event presented by the California Film Institute). This captivating film tells the story of "a 70-year-old Vietnamese American refugee living in Oregon who writes down her life story, indelibly shaped by the War in Vietnam. As she shares what she has written

Filmmaker Kevin Truong, who received a MakejLearnjBuild Grant from RACC in 2021 towards the

with her filmmaker son, they begin separate but parallel journeys confronting the traumas of their past and the emotional divide in their present." On the DocPitch website, viewers may cast a vote that will help determine which project receives the \$45,000 Audience Award. The above video is a trailer for the Mai American documentary, but you can

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view a longer clip here. And be sure to get your votes in by May 11th!

advocacy



collaboration with WashCo Rising! We are seeking BIPOC creatives, chefs, artists, creators, makers, funders,

cultural artists, makeup, hair, and nail artists, storytellers, writers, event organizers, art-based business owners, art entrepreneurs, curators, arts advocates, stylists, designers, poets, art teachers, cultural arts practitioners, and more! Meet us at the Patricia Reser Center for the Arts (in Beaverton) and enjoy food, fun and conversation as we build a cultural arts plan together. Register at the link below.



arts

participating organizations.

education



Arts for All is an amazing program available in our community, which provides access to arts and culture events, performances, lectures, and more for \$5. To qualify you must show proof of your Oregon Trail card at events by

The program is currently undergoing a rebrand and will have over 100 participating arts organizations in

numerous Oregon counties. Please keep an eye out in the coming months for the updated website, which will have information for patrons about receiving this benefit and downloadable informational materials available for use by participating organizations.

We are honored to be part of this collaborative partnership in ensuring access for all. Uplifting members of our community while they need temporary assistance empowers and creates a compassionate community of residents. For more information please contact, arts4all@racc.org.

grants

announcement to an audience of over 5600 people.



previous round last fall!



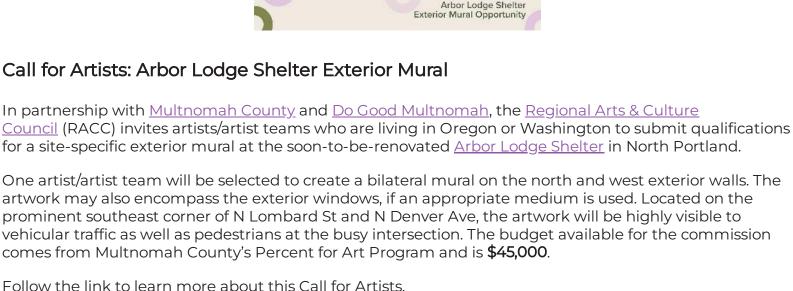
and continue reaching even more people who are building the foundation of arts and culture in our region. The application period for the next cycle of the Arts3C Grant Program will open in Summer 2023, on a date to be determined, before the end of July. Keep an eye out for more information!

Our Instagram showed the most change in engagement: likes on Arts3C posts increased by 262%, shares by 143%, and comments by 343%. Overall, 598 people found more information or applied to this program by clicking through links on social media and 551 people clicked through email. We hope to take this information forward

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Meet our Workshop Facilitators! Our Space of Possibilities 2023

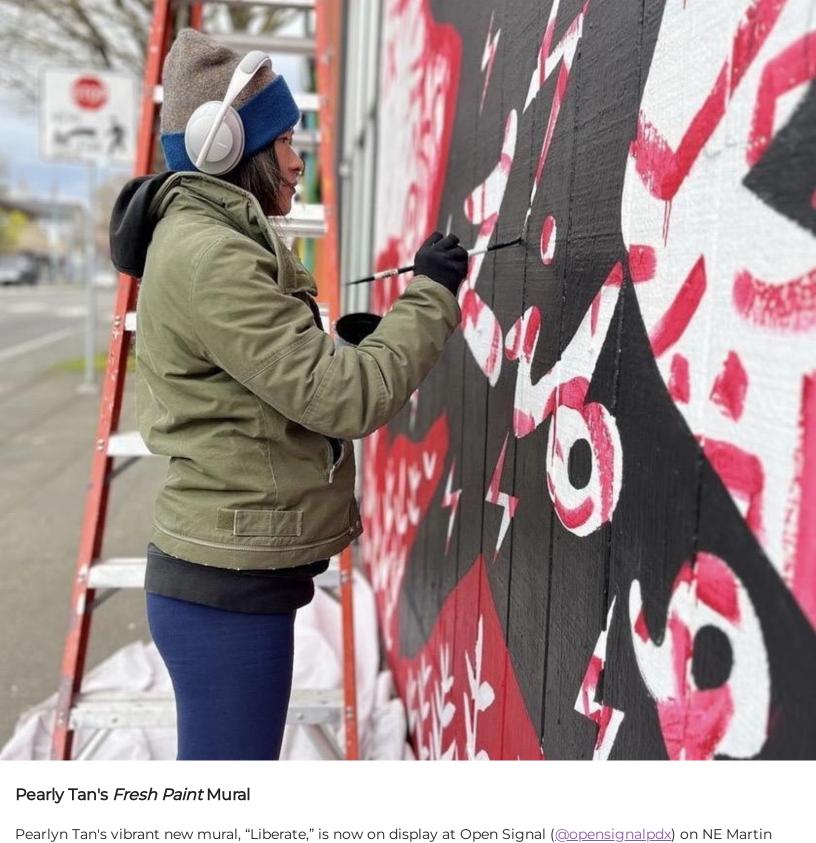
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Meet Amenta, Kalimah, Farados, Oniyah, José, Oak, Brian and Tito! Together they are creating an exhibition...



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