



February - March 2023 Edition

On Monday, February 27th, a group of state legislators who have joined together to advocate for arts and culture at the state and national levels met in Salem to launch the Oregon Arts and Culture Caucus. This is the brain child of dedicated arts and culture leaders who engage statewide to cultivate positive energy for advocacy and defined returns for arts and culture programming. State Representative Rob Nosse is managing this effort as the Arts and Culture Caucus Coordinator. The Caucus is led by a growing group of senators and representatives, including: Rep. Rob Nosse (Portland), Sen. Dick Anderson (Lincoln City), Rep. Janelle Bynum (Clackamas), Rep. Maxine Dexter (Portland), Rep. David Gornberg (Otis), Rep. Dacia Grayber (Tigard), Sen. Bill Hansell (Athena), Rep. Annessa Hartman (Gladstone), Rep. John Lively (Springfield), Rep. Pam Marsh (Ashland), Sen. Deb Patterson (Salem), Rep. Lisa Reynolds (NE Washington County), and Rep. Ricki Ruiz (Gresham). Please send them messages and letters in support of their efforts for our creatives and arts-serving organizations and businesses. We at RACC are overjoyed with the formation of the Caucus.

The Caucus was launched at the Elsinore Theatre in Salem with an evening dedicated to cultural engagement. We were entertained by a host of artists and creatives in an atmosphere of joy and "Let's get this started!"-ness! Performers for the evening were: the Salem Trumpet Ensemble, Antonio Huerta, Thomas Lauderdale, and Hunter Noack. Our sincere appreciation and thanks to everyone who attended and supported the creation of the Caucus. Oregon has never before had this level of support for our creatives and our creative spaces. For our community, RACC is here to collaborate, generate, and educate! Find your place in the Caucus and let us hear your voice!

—Carol Tatch and Della Rae, Co-Executive Directors

### "Varied Thrush": A collaborative music video project headed by Stephan Nance



Singer-songwriter Stephan Nance (they/them) is a co-founder of @fbc\_oreg, the Portland, OR chapter of the Feminist Bird Club. This project was created with the support of a RACC Make|Learn|Build grant.

### In the Community

## advocacy



Salem Trumpet Ensemble. Photography by Mario Mesquita.

### Community Gathering of Oregon's First Bipartisan Arts & Culture Caucus

Last week's launch of Oregon's first Arts & Culture Caucus highlighted Oregonians' passion, dedication, and support for funding the arts. The event underscored the important role arts and culture play in the lives of Oregon residents, and their commitment to advocating for resources and funding to support what makes the heart of Oregon beat.

Follow the link to read more about this inaugural event.



## arts education



### Explore the New Search Feature On artlook@oregon

artlook@oregon has a new search feature that will better connect arts/culture organizations with schools! When you search, select "Schools" or "Partners," then check the "Looking for Partnerships?" box under "Advanced Filters", a list of arts and culture organizations or schools looking for connections will generate.

This free, interactive platform brings community arts and culture organizations together under one convenient hub and helps schools enhance learning, collect data, and collaborate with community partners to increase access to arts education in schools.

Currently, the Portland Public Schools and Parkrose districts collaborate with RACC. There are over 260 arts/culture organizations from Multnomah, Washington, and Clackamas counties featured on the platform. If your arts/culture organization is unlisted and you would like to be part of this equity-driven data arts platform, or if you are an arts educator who would like your district to collaborate with RACC, please reach out to [artlooksupport@racc.org](mailto:artlooksupport@racc.org). We are in the early stages of expanding to other school districts.

Click below to explore.



## grants



### Announcing Another Round of Arts 3C Grants

The Arts3C Grant Program supports the making and sharing of artistic work in all disciplines and the development of the arts community in Multnomah, Washington, and Clackamas Counties with awards of up to \$5,000.

Applicants may apply to support artistic output such as projects, programming, and presentations—or to support your internal capacities such as operations, personal or professional development, and business investment. When applying for a RACC Arts3C Grant, you may submit only one application in a grant cycle and receive only one grant within 12 months.

Applications are due by Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at 5pm and grant awards will be announced by June 23, 2023.

For more information and a link to the application portal, please follow the link below.



## public art



Photography by Haley Busch.

### Behavioral Health Resource Center (BHRC) Opens to the Public

In December 2022, Multnomah County's Behavioral Health Resource Center (BHRC) opened its doors in downtown Portland. The peer-led Center provides resources and community for folks experiencing and seeking support with houselessness, addiction, and mental health. Throughout its creation, RACC has been working with the BHRC, seeking regional artists to create site-specific designs and purchasing portable artworks from local artists to fill the space.

Within the BHRC, you'll find the work of [Salomé Souag](#), a Portland-based designer, muralist, and creative from Switzerland who "holds her Peruvian and Algerian ancestors closer to her heart, her community and her work." Souag's mural painting practice exists alongside large-scale paintings, projection maps, wheat-pasted works, and workshops for the next generation of BIPOC artists.

Trauma-informed design was used as a guidepost in choosing the building's interior color scheme, artworks, and custom murals in order to create a calm environment for visitors.

Follow the link to learn more about the newly opened Behavioral Health Resource Center and the services it provides to the community.



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# join our team

## Hiring & Volunteer Coordinator

We're Hiring! Accepting Applications through 3/9

Apply now to join RACC and help us enrich our communities through the arts and culture as our Hiring & Volunteer Coordinator...



On View at *Installation Space* inside the Portland Building

Now on view at "Installation Space" inside the Portland Building, Laura Camila Medina's "Consuming a Past Self" (2020), Digital Video...



A look at responses from arts educators to RACC's Evaluation into Action survey

As our school districts across the state look to their budgets, reorganize, and prioritize in the coming months...



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