



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 programing. 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 Gomberg (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 <u>@fbc.pdx</u>, 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



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

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

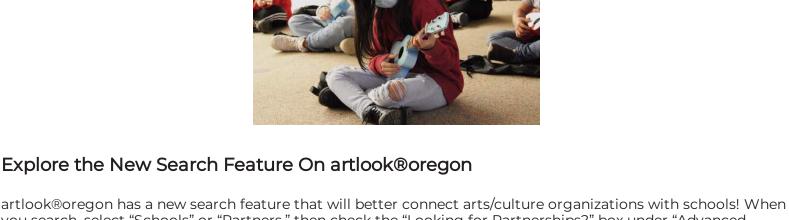
heart of Oregon beat. Follow the link to read more about this inaugural event.

Last week's launch of Oregon's first Arts & Culture Caucus highlighted Oregonians' passion, dedication, and



education

access to arts education in schools.



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

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 <u>artlooksupport@racc.org.</u> We are in the early stages of expanding to other school districts. Click below to explore.



grants



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.

investment. When applying for a RACC Arts3C Grant, you may submit only one application in a grant cycle and



\$5,000.

Photography by Haley Busch.

artists to fill the space.

workshops for the next generation of BIPOC artists.

custom murals in order to create a calm environment for visitors.

receive only one grant within 12 months.



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

Trauma-informed design was used as a guidepost in choosing the building's interior color scheme, artworks, and

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the arts in ways

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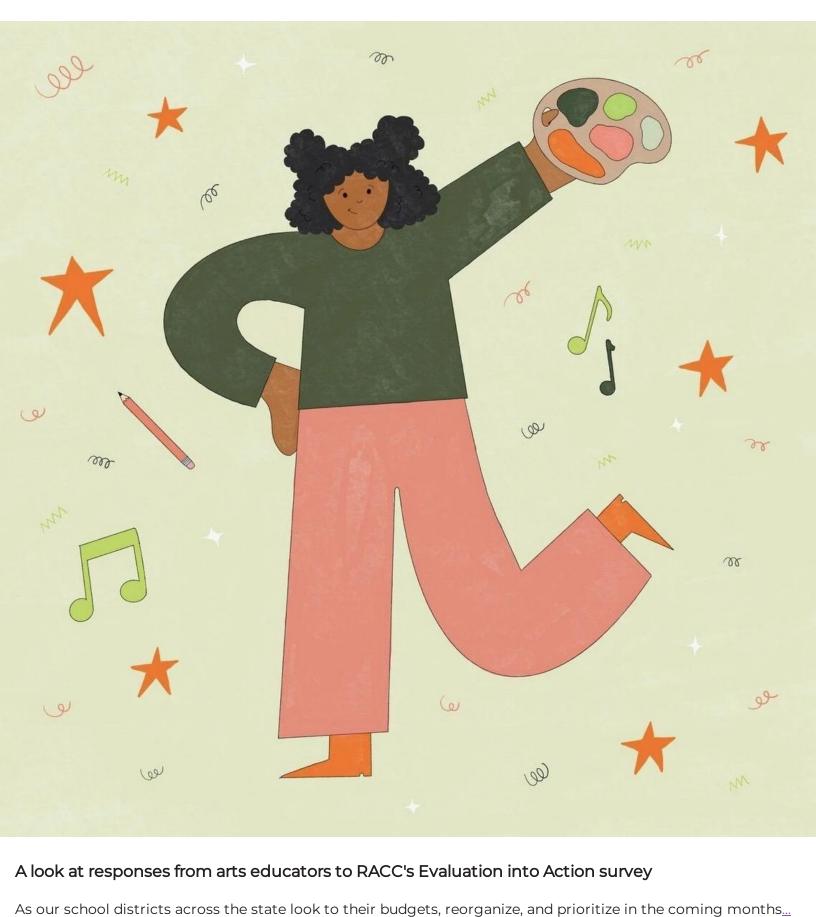
We're Hiring! Accepting Applications through 3/9

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



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

On View at Installation Space inside the Portland Building



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