Mission & vision

Creativity Explored gives artists with developmental disabilities the means to create and share their work with the community, celebrating the power of art to change lives.

Our vision is a society that embraces artists with developmental disabilities and is enlivened by their creative contributions.

“The artists we serve have so much to share with the world. Our advocacy and support leads directly to more choice, more income, and more representation for them. That’s why all of us—artists, staff, board and supporters—really went for it this past year.”

Linda Johnson, Executive Director
A year of big ideas

Our program continues to leap forward and expand opportunities for more artists with developmental disabilities.

**JULY 2018**
Disparity Program establishes a plan for equity for CE artists of color.

**AUGUST 2018**
ArtSpan selects CE artist Andrew Li to create a temporary mural at the Salesforce Transbay Terminal

**SEPTEMBER 2018**
Fabulote!, a fashion exhibition, transforms our 16th Street studio into a psychedelic runway.

**JANUARY 2019**
The Kenneth Rainin Foundation awards Creativity Explored its prestigious Open Spaces grant supporting a collaborative installation with renowned artist Ana Teresa Fernández. Funding from the National Endowment for the Arts and the California Arts Council follows.

**APRIL 2019**
Teaching Artists from Creativity Explored, Creative Growth and NIAD come together to make art at Chalk Hill Residency and strategize about accessible residencies for artists with developmental disabilities.

**MAY 2019**
Our 16th Street studio receives a facelift including our first ever kitchen, conference room and artist respite room.

**JUNE 2019**
Imaginate Saturdays, a community artmaking program for people of all ages and abilities, launches at our 16th Street studio.
We couldn’t do it without our partners

**LICENSING**
- Andrea Moriarty
- Cliff Consulting
- Cutting Ball Theater
- David Baker Architects
- Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy
- Manic D Press
- Marriott TownePlace Suites Orlando with Carol Schwartz Funk
- Open Editions
- Recchiuti Confections
- Road Twenty-Two
- Sage Publishing
- VIDA
- Zena Barakat
- Zuckerberg Hospital

**ART SERVICES**
- Airbnb
- BRIDGE Housing
- David Baker Architects
- FJORD / Accenture
- Golden Gate Regional Center
- Hotel G
- Mercy Housing
- Real Estate Agent
- David Roark
- The New Company
- Tilden Hotel
A day at our studios

MORNING
CE artists arrive at our studios where they practice in a variety of mediums—paints, colored pencils, markers, and more. Our ceramics station fills with artists sculpting and molding clay. Computers in our media arts area provides the technology needed for artists to create digital drawings, animations and even virtual worlds. Teaching artists and volunteers provide guidance while empowering our artists as they choose their materials and subject matter.

AFTERNOON
CE artists head home for the day. Our Art Services team visits a nearby affordable housing complex to install CE artwork. Our Licensing team meets a leader in the fashion industry who will license CE artwork to adorn products and marketing materials.

EVENING
Community members pack our studio, activated to celebrate our artists and our current gallery exhibition. Guests buy artwork with 50% going directly to CE artists. An offsite exhibition also opens showing CE artwork alongside pieces created by other artists in the contemporary art world.

WEEKENDS
CE artists working as paid interns teach artmaking techniques to community members during our Imaginate Saturdays program.
You joined us

From attending our gallery opening receptions and special events to liking and retweeting our social posts, you supported our programs and empowered our artists throughout the year. Thank you!
We were here, there and everywhere

We put on twenty-eight exhibitions from coast to coast.

01 SEE ME WITH MY OWN EYES
LinkedIn Headquarters
San Francisco, CA

02 UNTITLED EXHIBITION
Peephole Cinema
San Francisco, CA

03 ALPHABET SOUP
STUDIO Gallery
San Francisco, CA

04 TRANSBAY TERMINAL MURAL
Transbay Terminal
San Francisco, CA

05 SIX WOMEN OF CREATIVITY EXPLORED
Marriott Stanton
South Beach
Miami, FL

06 UNTITLED EXHIBITION
Kiosk Museum
San Francisco, CA

07 CEXCGXNIAD
Minnesota Street Project
San Francisco, CA

08 BITCHIN’ SATELLITE SHOW
Humane Society of Silicon Valley
Milpitas, CA

09 PATTERNS IN PRACTICE
San Francisco Zen Center
San Francisco, CA

10 48 PILLARS
Arc Gallery
San Francisco, CA

11 CORDIALLY INVITED
Make Studio
Baltimore, MD

12 CERAMIC SCULPTURE CONFERENCE
John Natsoulas Gallery
Davis, CA

13 WAY BAY 2
UC Berkeley Art Museum & Pacific Film Archive
Berkeley, CA

14 NINE HEARTS EXPLORING
Jack Fischer Gallery
San Francisco, CA

15 ON YOUR LEFT
San Jose Institute of Contemporary Art
San Jose, CA

16 WORLD OF FRIDA
Bedford Gallery at Lesher Center for the Arts
Walnut Creek, CA

17 CHANGEMAKERS
Millbrae Library
Millbrae, CA

18 SMALL WORKS ART FAIR
The Midway
San Francisco, CA

19 INGENUITY
Marin Society for the Arts
San Rafael, CA

20 ZINE FEST
SF County Fair Building
Golden Gate Park
San Francisco, CA

21 140 CHARACTERS
Root Division
San Francisco, CA

22 FIVE WOMEN
New York City Outsider Art Fair
New York City, NY

23 BITCHIN’ Creativity Explored
San Francisco, CA

24 FIVE AND TWO OTHERS
Creativity Explored
San Francisco, CA

25 MARILYN WONG: CATCHING SPIRIT
Creativity Explored
San Francisco, CA

26 FABULATE!
Creativity Explored
San Francisco, CA

27 EVERYTHING IS QUIET
Creativity Explored
San Francisco, CA

28 “FROM” ALL OVER THE PLACE
Court of Appeals
9th Circuit
San Francisco, CA
Our year in numbers

Your generosity strengthened our services.

Revenue: $2,826,016

- 3.7% DONATED SERVICES $103,889
- 16.5% GRANTS $466,154
- 10.9% CONTRIBUTIONS $308,470
- 4.7% EARNED INCOME $122,747
- 0.01% MISCELLANEOUS $2,501
- 6.8% SPECIAL EVENTS $190,861
- 13.6% MANAGEMENT & ADMINISTRATION $364,652
- 57.7% GOVERNMENT $1,631,394
- 6.7% FUNDRAISING $178,666

Expenses: $2,671,864

- 79.7% PROGRAMS $2,128,546
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Studio artist demographics

This year, we doubled down on our commitment to diversity and inclusion.

- 28% ASIAN
- 21% BLACK
- 22% HISPANIC / LATINX
- 25% WHITE
- 4% BIRACIAL

- 47.5% FEMALE
- 52.5% MALE

- 11% INCREASE IN NEW ARTISTS OF COLOR
- 18% INCREASE IN RETENTION OF ARTISTS OF COLOR

- 8 BILINGUAL STAFF MEMBERS WORKED DIRECTLY WITH OUR NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING ARTISTS
- 1 NEW PROGRAM AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH COORDINATOR
- 23 CULTURALLY-FOCUSED ARTMAKING BOOKS PURCHASED
Our studio artists

Ian Adams
Zachary Adams
Lucinda Addison
Monica Barrera
Charlie Barthelet
Maria Berrios
Laron Bickerstaff
Andrew Bixler
Alissa Bledsoe
Eric Boysaw
Henry Bruns
Olivia Byers-Straus
José Campos
Gordon Chin
Kira Chmelewski
Ming Choi
Ada Chow
Kevin Chu
Elana Cooper
Kevin Cordoba
Peter Cordova
Charles Cruz
Linda Davenport
Peter DeLira
Samedy Djeimguero

Albert Duong
Ricardo Estella
Katherine Finn-Gaminio
Allura Fong
Christina Marie Fong
Jessenia Garcia
Paul Gee
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Daniel Green
Joseph Green
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Nita Hicks
Camille Holvoet
Jesus Huezo
Reynaldo Iraheta
John Iwaszewicz
Josué Izquierdo

“I like everything about Pilar. She’s nice, she’s friendly, she makes people laugh.”
Melody Lima

“Trabajo con Horace en los miércoles. Hacemos esas ollas, y pinto pescados y flores.”
“I work with Horace on Wednesdays. We make the vases, and I paint fishes and flowers on them.”
Nubia Ortega

Patrick Ng
Lien Nguyen
James Nielsen
José Nuñez
Joseph Omolayole
Hiromi Onodera

“Everyone here is nice to work with. Easy to get along with. And easy to understand.”
Lance Rivers

“Like working with Gilles making prints on the computer. He’s fun.”
Gerald Wiggins

Andrew Wong
Marilyn Wong
Richard Wright
Ann Yamashita
Alexander Yeap
Yang “Buurin” Yu-Zhen

All the teachers I’ve worked with since the ’80s and ’90s say ‘Go for it.’ They never tell me I can’t use this paper or can’t do this or that.”
Vincent Jackson

Valerie Jenkins
Nathaniel Jeung
Eunice Juarez
Makeya Kaiser
Kacrew Kabrutar

Lakeshia King
Loren King
Nina Kratzman
Andrew Lee
Ade Lewis
Tonya Lewis
Andrew Li
Daniel Li

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Miyuki Tsurukawa
Gustavo Urbina
Kathy Wen
Rory White

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Our teaching artists

We are proud to provide 291 combined years experience facilitating growth for artists with developmental disabilities.
Our team

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ADMINISTRATIVE & SUPPORT STAFF

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“Artists touch my heart every single time I walk in the studio.”

Jeannette Revel-Mauro

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Jeanine Merritt-Eley
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Katherine Michiels