WHO WE ARE

Arts and Culture El Dorado’s mission to promote, connect, and empower arts and culture throughout the county is achieved by targeted programs and services, a vibrant gallery exhibition series, and a focus on initiatives which support and sustain the cultural life of the region.

INCOME

Earned (7.1%)
Investment Income (3%)
In-Kind Contributions (2.2%)
Other (2.2%)
Individuals (22.5%)
Government Grants (54.9%)
Foundations (6.4%)
Corporations (1.7%)

EXPENSES

Programs (62%)
Fundraising (7.7%)
General & Administrative (30.3%)

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When graphic designer Caitlin Thompson and I sat down to begin putting this Annual Report together, I wondered what the center pages would look like. This is where we show off some of the highlights from the past fiscal year, and, given the unrelenting onslaught of the COVID-19 pandemic, I worried that the entries would look a little thin. Going into July 2020, the pandemic was gaining momentum. We had cancelled our benefit event – although we honored four wonderful El Dorado County residents with the Carpenter Award – and “lockdown” was still a word on everyone’s lips.

But talk about not seeing the forest for the trees. So much of what we report on these pages is our response to the pandemic, not the hit we took because of it. There’s Culture Cabin, our very popular weekly eblast of 10 things to do, see, or make, all from home – to combat “cabin fever.” FLUX Youth Arts, Expressive Therapies, Veterans’ Voices Writing Workshop, and Poetry Out Loud were all conducted virtually. Once we had a better understanding of how to keep everyone safer, we reopened Confidence Firehouse Gallery with a gorgeous show of Native California Indian Art called Birds of a Feather and got back to business as (almost) usual, welcoming new partners to our Arts Incubator program and announcing our new Poet Laureate, Lara Gularte. The pandemic may have engendered the concept of “social distancing,” but there is nothing distancing about the arts. We write, we create, we build, we design – and it brings us closer. Not farther apart.

So here is the voice of El Dorado County’s own Emily Lieber, who claimed First Place in the California Arts Council’s statewide 2021 Poetry Ourselves Creative Writing Competition, calling on each of us to pay attention. “All it takes is one word,” she says, in her stunning “Mainstream Misery,” asking us to “let the world be your stage.” Brava, Emily.

Terry LeMoncheck

Mainstream Misery

It isn’t hard to see
Our destiny, once bright and free,
now buried deep under the sea
Some laugh and some complain
Some post pictures to ease pain
brought by a virus that isn’t
alive inside of us

No punches were pulled
The plug was pulled
on the life support of our society
Why are we surprised to see
rioting in the streets?

Every industry has stalled
Only protected by these four walls
At least that’s the sole call
amid the crowd of noise
replacing the crowds of
girls and boys
No children in the parks

The only dark we have to fear
is the one between our ears
Billions screaming, tears gleaming
Yet somehow all I’m hearing is
Silence

They say It came out of thin air
Caught us unaware
wreaking havoc everywhere--No
That’s a delusion
An illusion, a facade
to cover the flaws
of this dystopian world

Society now a free-for-all
Who will stop our downfall?
Answer the call to ensure our survival
Lead a revival of the human spirit

We need cohesion
Adhesion to the beliefs
our country was built upon
We sing of unity, community
But who will be the one to
seize this opportunity
to bring real change?

All it takes is one word
One person overheard
Spread the message
Be the change
Let the world be your stage
This misery we live and breathe
Will not be our legacy

Emily Lieber
CARES Grant awarded to two local cultural organizations

Arts and Culture El Dorado awarded $12,630 in grants to two local cultural organizations (concept: art + movement, and Consumnes Culture and WaterWays) that serve communities of color as part of the California Arts Council’s State-Local Partner CARES grant program.

Funding from this grant will be used to stabilize operating budgets, support efforts to provide opportunities to the community, and aid in the creation of programs and events which align with the recipient’s mission.

Veterans’ Voices Writing Workshop

Veterans’ Voices is a free, ongoing writing workshop that is open to all veterans, from any branch of service. It offers a supportive environment and the tools needed for the writing of stories, nonfiction, memoir, poetry and drama.

Anthology:
At the end of the year, workshop participants are given the option to submit their work to a commemorative anthology.

Gallery Exhibition

Birds of a Feather

In partnership with concept: art + movement, Birds of a Feather offered a glimpse into the practice of Traditional Ecological Knowledge and the continuum of California Native Cultural Arts. This exhibition featured the artistry of Jeremy Peconom (Mt. Maidu), Meyo Marrufo (Eastern Pomo), Kai LaPena (Wintu) and Jaime Lanouette (Nisenan).

Poetry Out Loud

Poetry Out Loud encourages the study and appreciation of great poetry through a national recitation competition at the high school level. The 2021 El Dorado County Champion, Emily Lieber, took first place in the State Level Poetry Ourselves writing competition portion of Poetry Out Loud with her piece titled Mainstream Misery.

New Element for Cultural District

In April 2021, the County of El Dorado awarded 525 Main Street (the former DA Annex building) to the City of Placerville. Arts and Culture El Dorado will repurpose this space as a center for arts and agriculture.

Amenities will include a demonstration kitchen and rooftop garden, and the space is seen as a gateway for agricultural tourism and an educational resource for the community.
Culture Cabin

Experience Art and Culture from Home

Culture Cabin: Experience Art and Culture from Home

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all public programs in El Dorado County were suspended as the county quarantined for a year. During this time Arts and Culture El Dorado sent out a weekly e-mail with arts and culture activities to safely do, see, and hear from home.

Expressive Therapies

Expressive Therapies is a free program open to foster parents, adoptive parents and caregivers in El Dorado County. This program pairs artists with therapists to tailor artistic workshops geared toward helping those parents and caregivers who are experiencing stress, trauma, anxiety, or grief. Several mediums will be presented in this program.

2021 workshops included Collage and Mixed Media, and Nature Drawing.

FLUX YOUTH ARTS

FLUX invited all makers and artists aged 14-19 to work with local artists across creative mediums to develop their own piece and tell their stories of living in a time of pandemic and social unrest.

COVID-19 Relief Funding

In order to sustain programs and services, Arts and Culture El Dorado received operating support from a number of government entities including the National Endowment for the Arts, California Arts Council, El Dorado County, and the State of California through their Small Business Relief Grant.

This allowed us to keep our doors open and support the arts in our community.

Arts Incubator

Arts Incubator provides fiduciary oversight, financial management, and other administrative services to help build the capacity of cultural projects and emerging arts groups which are not 501(c)(3) organizations. Accepted projects have an arts and culture focus and serve the public good.

In 2021 Placerville Friends of Tibet and Placerville History Project became new Incubator partners.

Lara Gularte Announced as El Dorado County Poet Laureate

The post of El Dorado County Poet Laureate is bestowed on a noted local poet to honor his or her body of work and to celebrate poetry as an art form. As part of her term as Laureate, Lara will present The Firehouse Sessions, a series of poetry readings and workshops in Confidence Firehouse Gallery.
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Gifts received July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

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Buried History is an organization working to protect El Dorado County’s 200 plus neglected pioneer cemeteries, graves, and monuments.

c:am supports California Indian, Native American and Indigenous arts and curation through community-centered programs.

Divide Music Coalition is a program which provides instruments to students and fosters their musical talents.

One Thread’s mission is to empower individuals, groups and communities, through knitting lessons with expert instructors and quality materials.

Placerville Friends of Tibet shares the culture of Tibet and Tibetan Buddhism within our region’s communities.

The Placerville History Project will bring the stories of Placerville’s past into everyday life by establishing signs and works around the city.

See the Elephant! strives to make performance more accessible by providing opportunities and building partnerships in theatre and dance.

Studio 81 is the drama club at El Dorado High School’s theatre department under the direction of Program Director Paul Tomei.

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