

AVArts

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Dear Community Arts Supporter,

Anderson Valley Arts (AVArts) has been dedicated to supporting arts in the Anderson Valley community through funding arts programs in our schools and awarding student scholarships since 1999. As a small, local non-profit which generates funding primarily through volunteer events and is run entirely by volunteer members, AVArts depends on community participation and support to help us bring diverse, quality supplemental arts programs to Anderson Valley schools that would otherwise not be possible and to award scholarships to deserving students. With the generous involvement of many talented local artists, craftspeople, educators, businesses and donors, AVArts strives to reinforce community spirit and make the arts a more visible and important presence in our community.

As AVArts funds school and community arts programs, events and scholarships which take place during the school year, we are sending out this update at the start of the 2017-2018 school year to ask for your support through making a tax deductible donation! This past year with the continued support of the *Amy Ensign-Barstow Memorial Fund at the East Bay Community Foundation* AVArts funded a diverse range of arts programs at both the elementary and junior and senior high schools:

Arts in the Schools Program Grants



The *Finding Our Voice PhotoVoice Project* engaging 9th -12th grade students in Nat Corey-Moran's AVHS Photography Class in taking then compiling collections of photographs with personal artist statements which told the stories of their life and photographic influences and inspirations and culminated in an opening reception presentation and exhibit at Lauren's restaurant in April;



Visual arts sessions at AVES which brought local artist Chris Bing into the K- 6th grade classes to teach ceramics, paper mâché, drawing and painting and culminated with the popular elementary art show at Lauren's restaurant in May;



Arts Across The Curriculum integrated arts partnership with artist and arts educator Cathleen Micheaels which brought poetry writing, printmaking and bookmaking into the K-6th grade classes and included the popular annual *Family Arts Night* and culminated with an Open House book exhibit and poetry presentation in June;



A day of music including special workshops with the 4th grade classes and a *Family Music Night* event with the inspiring musician and teacher Joe Craven in April; and



Multicultural dance sessions which partnered dancer and retired Mendocino County teacher Jane Corey with AVHS teacher Jason Page to carry out structured improvisation, partner and group dances into his junior high school Physical Education classes during October through April.

Special Arts Related Scholarship Awards



An award of \$1,600 to AVHS student Hannah Woolfenden to cover tuition for her participation in the American Ballet Theatre's 2017 four-week summer intensive in Austin (Hannah previously received a scholarship from AVArts to attend the 2014 Summer Intensive at the Joffrey Ballet's Academy of Dance in San Francisco).

Arts Scholarships for Graduating Seniors Awards

An award of \$5,000 to Julia Brock, daughter of Vickie and Michael Brock of Boonville, to pursue a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Cinematography at Columbia College Hollywood in Los Angeles, CA;

An award of \$750 to Riley Lemons, daughter of Erica and Matt Lemons of Philo, to pursue an Associate of Arts degree in Music at Butte Community College in Oroville, CA; and

An award of \$750 to Raul Ellison-Malfavon, son of Erin and Fernando Malfavon of Philo, to pursue a Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Animation and Game Development at California State University, Chico in Chico, CA.

An Invitation to Support AVArts

This year we're taking a break from hosting another in our series of fun and popular theme-inspired community fundraising arts events after our *It's About Time* event in October 2016 and instead are reaching out to you personally to invite you to continue to help support us through making a tax deductible donation to AVArts. AVArts gratefully acknowledges previous generous contributions from all our supporters including *Handley Cellars* and the *George and Ruth Bradford Foundation* which provided important support to both the AVArts *Arts in the Schools* and scholarship programs.

We hope all the powerful and exceptional arts programs and scholarships AVArts supported this year will inspire you to make a donation! Checks can be made out to Anderson Valley Arts and sent to us in the enclosed envelope.

Thank you for supporting us in any way you are able to—your continued contributions are essential in helping AVArts continue to support thriving arts experiences and opportunities for all students in our community!

Most appreciatively,

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