San Francisco, November 13, 2018 - Get ready to deck the walls with Creativity Explored art at our annual **Holiday Art Shop**. All season long the Creativity Explored gallery will transform into a shopping destination for artful gifting. Experience and shop the salon-style pop-up, curated by the CE team with affordable and unique original art created by 135 artists working in the studios. Plus, shop our selection of art products for the perfect stocking stuffer including trendy enamel pins, artistic apparel, wrapping paper, art supply kits, and our ever-popular notecards to accompany any holiday gift. Remember, 50% of the proceeds from any art sale go directly to the artist. Shop with heart, give more art!

The kick off the **Holiday Art Shop**, Creativity Explored will host an **Opening Celebration** for the San Francisco community. Celebrate in CE style and get first pick of original art! Enjoy mulled wine and holiday-themed nibbles as you explore the studio and mingle with artists. Dress to impress for the Artsy Sweater Contest at 8:00 PM for a chance to win fabulous prizes. Take selfies at the CE photobooth with artist Vincent Jackson and get crafty at our Ornament Crafting art-making table. Groove to tunes all night long by Sergio Fedasz (Go BANG!, San Francisco) and later dance your heart out for the Holiday Disco Dance Party power hour from 9:00 - 10:00 PM. This community event is one of the most anticipated gallery events of the year, so come early and curate your holiday shopping with gifts that give back.
This year during the *Holiday Art Shop* Creativity Explored is offering exciting flash sales on original art. Every Thursday enjoy 35% off any ceramics. Each Saturday, when you spend $100 or more on original art choose a free digital print from over 100 available artworks.

**Creativity Explored is offering some exciting studio programming for the community in celebration of the holiday season:**

**Splatter Paint Workshop with Artist Christine Stovell**  
**Saturday, December 8, 2018**  
**1:00 PM to 4:00 PM**  
*Free and open to the public; RSVP via Eventbrite or simply drop-in*  
Join us and create one-of-a-kind splatter paint gift items that make stylish stocking stuffers and personalized presents for yourself or loved ones. Christine Stovell will help to guide you in selecting colors and creating your own original designs. We'll be offering a selection of reasonably-priced apparel and accessories available for purchase to try your hand at creating unique Expressionist-inspired gifts. From tote bags and ball caps to children’s and adult tees, the whole family can get creative together!

**Studio Screening: Holiday Movie Marathon**  
**Saturday, December 22, 2018**  
**12:00 PM to 4:00 PM**  
*Free and open to the public*  
Drop by the studio after brunch and join us for a studio screening of our artists’ favorite holiday films. We’ll be offering hot cocoa and small bites as you shop the studio and *Holiday Art Shop*. Bring the kids and enjoy some of the studio's favorite seasonal films plus a special reel of animations created by our artists.
Throughout the season Creativity Explored will be featured at a number of pop-up shops in San Francisco:

**Small Art Pop-up for Small Business Saturday**  
Creativity Explored Studio & Gallery  
Saturday, November 24, 2018  
12:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
In honor of #SmallBizSaturday, Creativity Explored will be hosting a small artwork pop-up in the studio just in time for your holiday shopping. Join us to shop our selection of affordable modestly-sized artwork including digital prints, ceramics, drawings, and paintings all fresh from the CE studio. While visiting, shop the gallery for even more original art, plus apparel, stationery, and accessories adorned with artwork from the studio. This season, shop with heart and remember 50% of proceeds from any art sale go directly to the artist!

**The Progress Holiday Brunch Market**  
1525 Fillmore Street, San Francisco  
Sunday, December 9, 2018  
11:00 AM to 2:30 PM  
Our friends at the world-renowned Fillmore neighborhood restaurant are hosting a pop-up brunch and maker's market just in time for Holiday shopping. Grab a bite with friends and family then shop the Creativity Explored pop-up stocked with original art and products for your gift-giving pleasure.

**Hotel G Holiday Art Pop-up**  
Tuesday, December 11, 2018  
3:00 PM to 6:00 PM  
Our partners at Hotel G, located in Union Square, will be hosting a progressive Holiday Art Pop-up Shop featuring original artwork and art products to benefit Creativity
Explored. Drop by to peruse the selection of unique and giftable art that gives back to the community. Check out some of art installed in the hotel as you enjoy refreshments and a gift-wrapping station.

About Creativity Explored

For the past 36 years, Creativity Explored has given artists with developmental disabilities the means to create and share their work with the community, celebrating the power of art to change lives. Located in the vibrant cultural and dining corridor that crosses San Francisco’s Mission District, Creativity Explored provides a supportive studio environment, including individualized instruction from mentoring artists, quality supplies, and professional opportunities to exhibit and sell their art. The organization establishes these artists’ work as an emerging and increasingly important contribution to the contemporary art world.

Founded by Florence and Elias Katz in 1983, Creativity Explored has expanded to two locations: the main gallery and studio on 16th Street in San Francisco’s Mission District, and a second studio in nearby Potrero Hill. Gallery programming now includes five exhibitions per year, with more than 10,000 people visiting the gallery and studio annually.

Over the years, the organization’s innovative and respected programs, structure and culture have been recognized as a model worldwide in the field of art and disability. In addition to the studios, exhibitions and gallery sales, Creativity Explored has developed a licensing division, working with the likes of affordable modern furnishing company CB2, Google, and fashion house COMMES de GARÇONS; and providing art services for several properties, including BRIDGE Housing (affordable housing), Mercy Housing (affordable housing), Chinatown Community Development Center, and Avalon Mission Bay (upscale apartment community).
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