

Annual Report FY2019

July 1, 2018—June 30, 2019





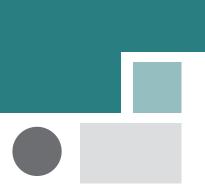












Mission & vision

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.



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

Fabulate!, 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.



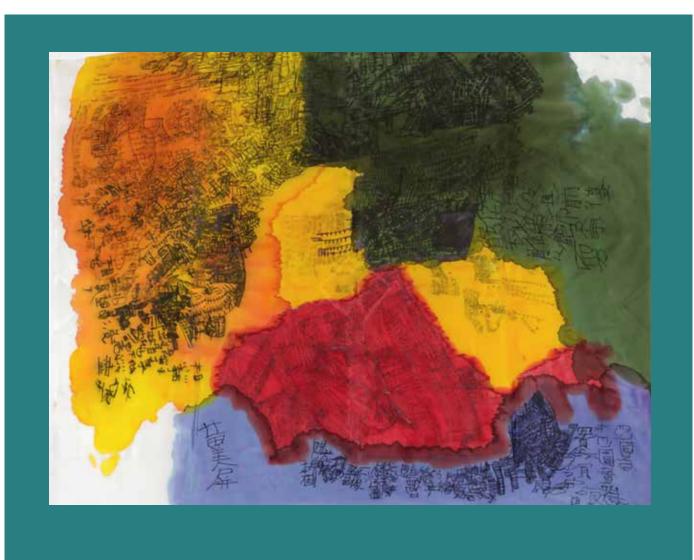
MAY 2019

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

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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.



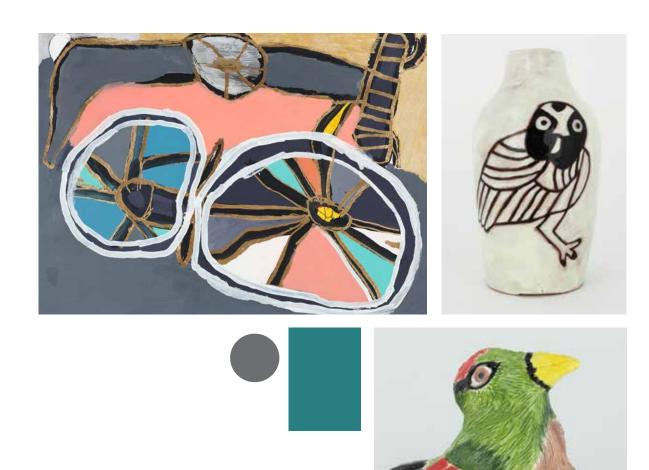
WEEKENDS

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.



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

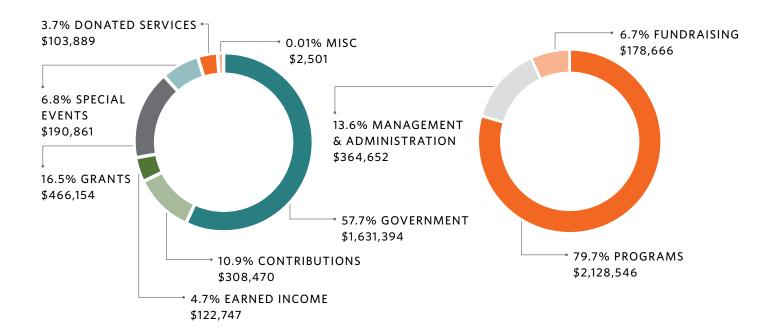
27 EVERYTHING IS QUIET Creativity Explored San Francisco, CA

28 "FROM" ALL OVER THE PLACE Court of Appeals 9th Circuit San Francisco, CA

Our year in numbers

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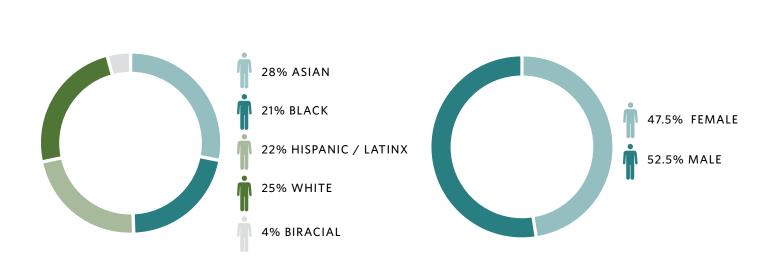
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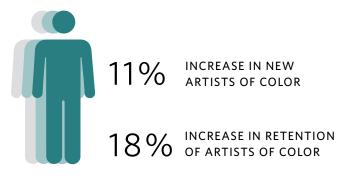




Studio artist demographics

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







BILINGUAL STAFF MEMBERS
WORKED DIRECTLY WITH OUR
NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING ARTISTS



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

Samedi Djeimguero

Albert Duong Ricardo Estella Katherine Finn-Gamino Allura Fong Christina Marie Fong Jessenia Garcia Paul Gee Isaias Gomez Daniel Green Joseph Green Claus Groeger Donald Gruneisen Maribel Guzman

"I've been working with Francis for six years! I learned from him that if I make a mistake. it's not the end of the world. You learn from them and you can learn not to make them again." Isaac Haney-Owens

Fatimah Hasan Hamilton Brian Hayes Jay Herndon Nita Hicks Camille Holvoet Jesus Huezo Reynaldo Iraheta John Iwaszewicz Josué Izquierdo

"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 Kaocrew Kakabutra Lakeshia King Loren King Nina Krietzman Andrew Lee Ade Lewis Tonya Lewis Andrew Li Daniel Li

"I like everything about Pilar. She's nice, she's friendly, she makes people laugh.' Melody Lima

Delia Liu Steven Liu Valerie Long Rae Lorvick-Patt Taneya Lovelace Gabriel Maduena Marcus McClure John Patrick McKenzie Edita Membreno Mack Mesler James Miles Savannah Molano Jason Monzon Mirian Munguia



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

Ethel Revita

Emma Reyes

Irene Rivas

Jeanette Rideau

Clementina Rivera

Quintin Rodriguez Vanessa Ruffin Cheryle Rutledge

Kevin Roach

Yukari Sakura Armando Sanchez Joanna Sanchez Alaina Schlier Enkh-Amar Shagdarguntev

Hung Kei Shiu Ka Wai Shiu Anne Slater Calvin Bernard Snow Ernesto Sosa Charles Stanberry Amani Swalim Kate Thompson

Stella Tse

Miyuki Tsurukawa Gustavo Urbina Kathy Wen Rory White

"I like working with Gilles making prints on the computer. He's fun." **Gerald Wiggins**

> Andrew Wong Marilyn Wong Richard Wright Ann Yamasaki Alexander Yeap Doris Yen Yang "Buurin" Yu-Zhen





Patrick Ng

Lien Nguyen

José Nuñez

James Nielsen

Joseph Omolayole

Hiroshi Onodera

"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

Bertha Otova

Selene Perez

Abel Pineda

Tyler Quach

Corine Raper

Roland Record

Musette Perkins

Thomas Pringle

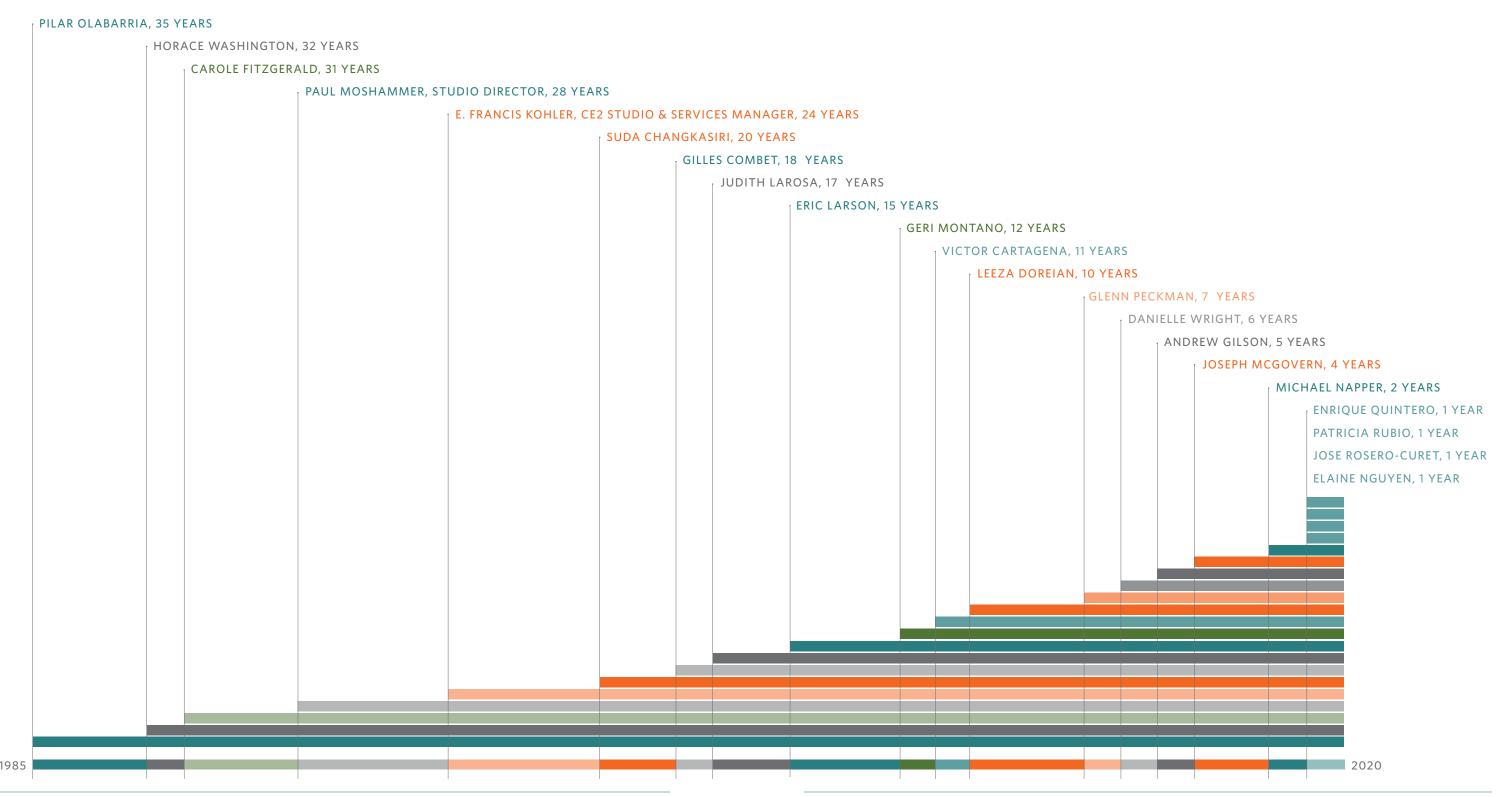
Yolanda Ramirez

Guadalupe Ramos

Pamela Pianchachi

Our teaching artists

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



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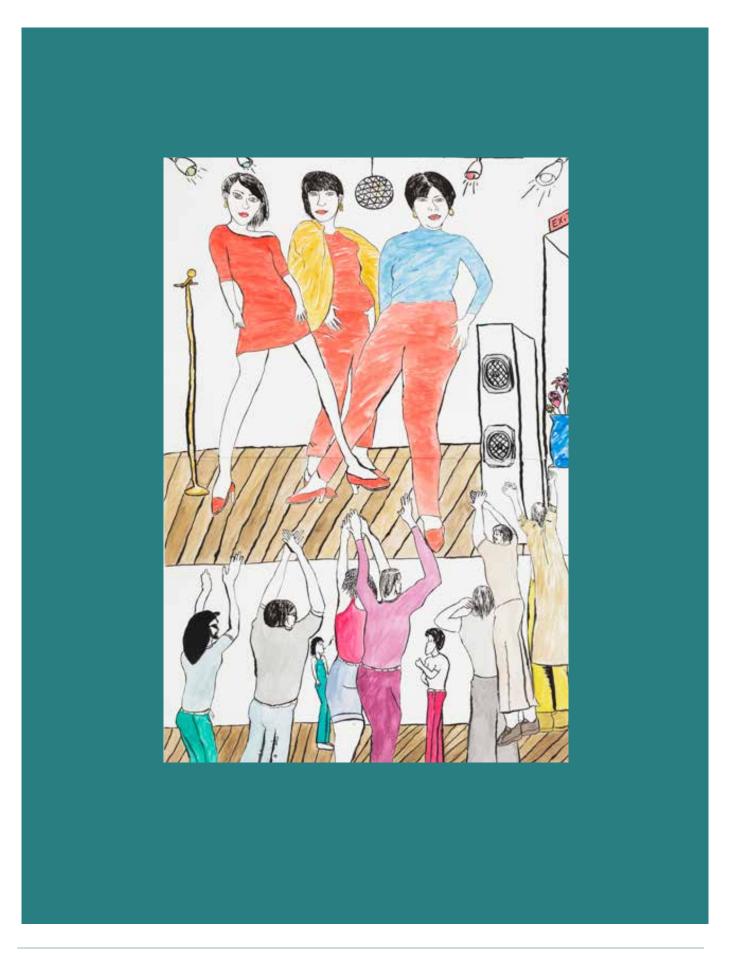
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