Creativity Explored advances the value and diversity of artistic expression. We provide artists with developmental disabilities the means to create, exhibit, and sell their art in our studios and gallery, and around the world.

Above: Three Dancers by Steven Liu © 2013 Creativity Explored Licensing, LLC, mixed media, 30” x 55”, was featured in CE’s on-site exhibition, Introductions, in June 2013

Front cover: Wayne Thiebaud Cupcake by Camille Holvoet © 2013 Creativity Explored Licensing, LLC, oil pastel, 15” x 12”
As our 30th anniversary year comes to a close, we continue to celebrate the considerable accomplishments of artists with developmental disabilities working in our studios. Some of these accomplishments include: inclusion in a growing number of off-site art exhibitions; increased earned income from the sale of artwork; and, many ongoing and new collaborations that help promote the unique viewpoints of our artists.

None of these accomplishments would be possible without the support of YOU, a growing and diverse community of supporters who have played a pivotal role in the success of Creativity Explored and its artists for the last 30 years!

For the last three decades, YOU visited the studios and established relationships with studio artists. YOU validated CE artists and recognized the importance of their artistic voices in the Bay Area cultural community. YOU helped CE be a forward-thinking organization so that we continue to be truly innovative and regarded as a leader in the field of art and disability.

YOU also helped solve problems and identify ways to thrive in a rapidly changing environment. YOU supported CE financially through times when state funding was tenuous, and most importantly, YOU embraced our mission and acknowledged our artists and their talent.

Thank YOU for helping us reach this milestone year, and for making sure Creativity Explored and the studio artists we serve continue to change lives. I look forward to all we can accomplish, together, in the next 30 years!

Amy Taub
Executive Director
Creating Opportunities

As more individuals with autism enter our programs, the needs and interests of our artists have changed since Creativity Explored was founded 30 years ago. One of our primary goals is to provide art making and art education opportunities that are responsive to individual artists’ abilities, cultures, preferences, and interests.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Five CE artists participated in a collaboration with California College of the Arts ENGAGE class taught by Glen Helfand, which culminated in two exhibitions: one at CE and the other at Jack Fischer gallery.
- Collaborated with *New York Times* bestselling author Beth Lisick, who wrote a series of chapbooks about CE.
- Facilitated group projects that focused on experimental artmaking.
- Studio artists John Patrick McKenzie and Mary Belknap were nominated for SFMOMA SECA Art Awards.

*Clockwise from left:* Glen Helfand with CE Studio Artist Natalie Spring and California College of the Arts ENGAGE students preparing work for the two-part exhibition: *Pre-Fabricators* at CE’s on-site gallery and *Fabricators* at Jack Fischer Gallery (courtesy CCA Center for Art and Public Life); *Untitled Abstract* by Mary Belknap © 2013 Creativity Explored Licensing, LLC, mixed media, 14” x 18.45”; Studio Artist Lance Rivers installing one of his pieces at Robertson Stephens Asset Management LLC; *New York Times* Bestselling Author Beth Lisick reading from one of her chapbooks about CE studio artists.

*I don’t have to be a writer to tell a story.*

Vincent Jackson
Studio Artist
Creating Visibility

Creativity Explored supports adults with developmental disabilities in their quest to become working artists and earn income from their work. A key component of making this possible is improving public perceptions about the creative talents of people with developmental disabilities. To accomplish this, we promote our artists’ work to a broad audience, including the general public and the contemporary art world.

HIGHLIGHTS

• Mounted six exhibitions in the CE gallery, including our first multimedia exhibit: SPACE
• Artists included in 10 off-site exhibitions: seven local, two national, and one international
• Dan Michiels’ artwork was licensed by COMME des Garçons and debuted in Paris during Fashion Week
• 7 licensees used 22 artists’ works on 29 products
• Works by more than 70 artists were purchased/rented by 18 art services partners
• Voted “Best Artist or Collective” by readers of San Francisco Bay Guardian
• Promoted CE artists to 26,000 visitors at artMRKT

Clockwise from left: COMME des Garçons suits at Paris Fashion Week and My God We Have Needles and Pens (detail) by Dan Michaels; Different Colors by Tony Gomez was accompanied by a 16mm film projection transferred to digital during the SPACE exhibition at CE's gallery; CE's exhibition space at artMRKT (Photo by Tom Seawell)

Now [James] can say, “I do art, I sell art, I’m an artist.”

Marilyn Miles Petrich
Sister of Studio Artist James Miles

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Creating Sustainability

Creativity Explored receives approximately 70% of its funding from the California Department of Developmental Services via the Golden Gate Regional Center. The long-term success of our organization requires diversification of revenue through increased contributed and earned income from varying sources. Diversification will enable us to reduce the disruptive effect of our dependency on a single and volatile revenue source, as well as provide the resources to expand opportunities for our artists.

HIGHLIGHTS

• Increased the total number of donors by 22%
• Our 30th anniversary special event, Art Changes Lives 2013, raised over $145,000
• Gallery sales of art and art products increased by 7% from FY12
• Directed year-end surplus to operating reserve account, which now totals four months’ expenses

Audited Financials
For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

**REVENUE: $2,031,523**  
**EXPENSES: $1,920,250**

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**Net after event expenses

Revenue and Expenses, FY10 - FY13

Above: Chris Cox and Visra Vichit-Vadakan at Art Changes Lives 2013 (Photo by Tom Seawell)
Clockwise from left: Visual Arts Instructor Ester Hernandez with Studio Artist James Miles; Stacked Animals (Blue) by Selene Perez © 2013 Creativity Explored Licensing, LLC, oil pastel, was sold at our annual gala and art auction Art Changes Lives 2013; Studio Artist Kevin Roach working in the studio; Studio Artists Paul Gee and Cheryle Rutledge sketching on a field trip; Portrait USA by John Patrick McKenzie was one of the works submitted when he was nominated for a SFMOMA SECA Art Award.
Studio Artist Demographics

This past year, 130 artists with developmental disabilities created art in our studios. Many studio artists experience additional disabilities such as mental illness, emotional disturbances, and/or physical disabilities. Ages ranged from 22 to 84. The number of young Creativity Explored artists continued to increase (28% are under 30), as did the percentage of individuals with autism spectrum disorder.

### AGE OF CE ARTISTS

- 21 - 30
- 31 - 40
- 41 - 50
- 51 - 60
- 61 - 70
- 71 - 80
- 81 - 90

### GENDER OF CE ARTISTS

- Male: 49%
- Female: 51%

### RACE OF CE ARTISTS

- African American: 19%
- Asian: 29%
- Caucasian: 27%
- Hispanic: 21%
- Pacific Islander: 2%
- Other: 2%
Studio Artists

When I first came to Creativity Explored, I fell in love with this place. This place is like my home. I love everybody and feel happy and loved here. The staff and my friends make it happen. I am able to keep focused on my art here and I feel like I have talent. I respect and love this place very deeply.

CHRISTINA MARIE FONG
STUDIO ARTIST

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Valerie Long
Beth Zmerzlikar*

*as of September 30, 2013
Board Members

Creativity Explored gratefully acknowledges the members of our Board of Directors for their dedication, commitment, and support of the artists working in our studios.

I was first introduced to Creativity Explored in 2003 by a close friend who thought I would appreciate the art as a collector. However, after walking into Creativity Explored I quickly realized it was much more than that. It is a place that gives its artists a new way to be heard and understood — a form of self-expression they likely had not experienced before. It moved me in a way I had not expected, so much so that it drove me to get involved. I am now honored to serve on the board, alongside all the committed people in the organization working to maintain its mission and see that the organization continues successfully well into the future.

Portrait artists from left to right: Gerald Wiggins, Steven Geeter, Ka Wai Shiu, Thomas Pringle, Quintin Rodriguez, Moses Brown, Steven Liu, Yang “Buurin” Yu-Zhen, Daniel Green, Walter Kresnik, Quintin Rodriguez, James Miles, Vincent Jackson, Nita Hicks, Nita Hicks, Thomas Pringle.
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The artists at Creativity Explored are humorous, generous, and honest. Their work communicates a pleasure in making things, and it uniquely expresses their personal experience within the culture at large. I enjoy sharing ideas and methods of working within this vibrant community of artists.
Volunteers

We are immensely grateful to all of our volunteers. Dozens gave their time and mentored artists in the studio, contributing to mutually satisfying relationships with our artists that truly change lives. Others helped in the gallery or offices to ensure that the diverse Bay Area arts scene continues to include artists with developmental disabilities. Volunteers helped us operate efficiently, shared their skills and expertise, and brought new creative energy to the studio. Thank you!

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I first walked into Creativity Explored shortly after moving to San Francisco, and it grabbed my heart and didn’t let go.

I immediately fell in love with the vibrant energy of the artwork and artists, the creative spirit that buzzes through the studio, and the warmth and openness of the CE community. It was the first place I felt at home in my new city and 8 years later, my admiration has only deepened. I get so much from Creativity Explored -- amazing art, inspiration, community -- that it feels natural to give back in some way.

I volunteer at the gallery openings to share what I love about this incredible organization with others, and to help the artists sell their work to appreciative patrons from all over the world.

EMILY DUBIN
VOLUNTEER & DONOR
Untitled by Hung Kei Shiu © 2013 Creativity Explored Licensing, LLC, mixed media on wood, 15” x 18” was exhibited by one of our community partners, Serena & Lily
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One day I was walking along 16th Street and noticed art in the windows at CE. I stepped inside and was invited back into the studio. Being surrounded by the creative energy of dozens of artists working independently and collaboratively, I immediately felt at home.

I support CE because the art itself is accessible and inspiring - the range of work evokes a full range of human emotions. But I also appreciate that they allow everyone the opportunity to express themselves creatively, something which is not always encouraged elsewhere. It is obvious that many of the artists have found their calling and are achieving their highest human potential. Every time I walk through the studio is like a star sighting, seeing all of the artists I admire and whose work touches me.
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You need to always let the artist loose!

Gerald Wiggins
Studio Artist
as quoted in Tell You What: Inspiration by Beth Lisick

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