



# 2022 Project & Impact Report

Elysian Valley Arts  
Collective



## COMMUNITY MEMBERS SERVED IN 2022

**7,000**

IN-PERSON EVENTS &  
PROGRAMS

**150,000+**

ONLINE EVENTS-YOUTUBE  
WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA

**300**

ARTISTS & COLLABORATORS  
ENGAGED IN PROGRAMS

## EVENT HIGHLIGHT:

### ILLUMINATE THE NIGHT

**APRIL 9, 2022**

Elysian Valley Arts Collective is one of my favorite organizations to partner with. Our Literary Lounge during "Illuminate the Night," was wildly successful with three generations of diverse writers from all over Los Angeles sharing their work - Mike Sonksen, Poetry Professor & Literary Curator

*Illuminate the Night* was a celebration for the opening of the Taylor Yard Bicycle & Pedestrian Bridge that asked attendees to "bring the light," by way of wearing, displaying and installing lights. EVAC curated several venues with art exhibits, makers and craftspersons booths, music, dance and poetry performances with light installations along the LA River Bike Path in Frogtown and Cypress Park. The event functioned as a *hand across the water*, extending an invitation to our neighbors in Cypress Park to participate in the festivities and activate their businesses during the event. Collaborators included CD13 Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell, Frogtown Brewery, MASHUP Contemporary Dance, Frame Monster Design Lab, The Klub Gymnastics, LA River Public Art Project, Clockshop, Xipe Totec Aztec Dance and poet Mike Sonksen. The festival was supported by grants from Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs and California Arts Council.

## IMPACT SNAPSHOT

**600**

EVENT  
ATTENDEES

**60**

ARTISTS  
ENGAGED

**25**

COMMUNITY  
COLLABORATORS



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## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT:

## FRESH START FOR YOUNG ARTISTS

**JANUARY - MARCH 2022**

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Our kids are so excited to receive these art kits and start creating art! Thank you so much EVAC! - Mark A. Frogtown Resident

“Fresh Start for Young Artists” was a program that began in 2020 during the Covid-19 pandemic shutdown. The idea was to provide students with free quality art supplies and instruction in order to spark their creativity and engage them in various art mediums in an effort to interest young people in exploring the arts in a more in-depth manner. Our teaching artists provided art classes, written and video prompts for our students. The program has proven successful and has progressed into a new phase funded by the California Arts Council called “Start to Finish - A Creative Journey for Young Artists”, with free art kits for youth, weekly in-person classes and video instruction - all culminating in an art show at a local gallery. It starts with an art kit and ends with an art show! The new program begins in April 2023. This program was supported by grants from California Arts Council and Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis.

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## IMPACT SNAPSHOT

3

YEARS OF  
PROGRAMMING

110

ART KITS  
DISTRIBUTED

2

MORE YEARS OF  
FUNDING BY CAC





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## EVENT HIGHLIGHT:

## THE FROGTOWN ARTWALK

## SEPTEMBER 24, 2022

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Huge thank you to EVAC! I thought it was an amazing turnout. It was lovely to engage with the community. Dake Wilson Architects were generous hosts and very supportive of the process.- Debbie Hu Ricks - Artwalk Artist

The Elysian Valley Arts Collective presented the 2022 Frogtown Artwalk on September 24, 2022. An estimated 4,000 people attended the event. 63 artists exhibited work in 33 venues stretching over a mile along the event route by the LA River in Frogtown. Music was presented in 4 official venues, curated by EVAC. Dance performances were presented in 5 venues and were curated by individual dance companies and the venues. Numerous pop up food stands, makers/craftsman booths and impromptu performances could be seen throughout the route and over the course of the day. The entrepreneurial, DIY spirit was alive and well during the 2022 artwalk, once again, illustrating that everyone is welcome to attend, participate and to express themselves creatively at this beloved event.

EVAC will continue to produce the artwalk on a biennial schedule; the next being in 2024. The artwalk proves to be an event that people from all walks of life, ages and backgrounds have come to enjoy; with the neighborhood businesses and residents participating in various creative endeavors. The festival was supported by grants from California Arts Council, Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs, LA County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, Greater Cypress Park Neighborhood Council, National Endowment for the Arts and Southern California Gas Co.

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## IMPACT SNAPSHOT

63

ARTISTS  
EXHIBITED

33

VENUES  
PARTICIPATED

4000

EVENT  
ATTENDEES



# 2022 EVENTS & PROGRAMMING:

- Fresh Start for Young Artists - free art kits with creative prompts and instruction for youth
- Piece of My Heart - Valentine's Day Card Making Workshop for families with artist Kait Walsh
- International Women's Day Art Workshop with artist Kait Walsh
- Illuminate the Night - Opening celebration for the Taylor Yard Bridge - In person festival
- Clockshop's 2nd Annual People's Kite Festival - Creation Station - Los Angeles State Historic Park
- Meadowvale Block Party - Free Creation Station
- Sounds of Dorris Place - Filmmaking Series with Dorris Place Elementary - LAUSD School Project
- Free Community Movie Night - Commissioned films and feature film *Grease*, collaboration with EVRNC
- Soul Summer Celebration at Plan D. Gallery
- Great LA River Cleanup - Leo Limon "River Catz" Kids Coloring Station with Friends of the LA River
- 2022 Frogtown Artwalk - Festival featuring art, music, dance and spoken word performances
- Free Watercolor Workshop for kids with Frame Monster Design Lab at The Klub Gymnastics
- Pumpkin Painting station at Elysian Valley Riverside Neighborhood Council Fall Festival
- Holiday Food Drive benefiting the NELA Mercadito in collaboration with Frogtown Brewery

## OUR COMMUNITY COLLABORATORS

**Thank you to the residents, businesses and nonprofits in our community that support us and work with us throughout the year. We couldn't do what we do without you!**

100 Acre Partnership, The Bend, The Blake Avenue Lofts, The Blake Lofts, Bob Berg & Janet Workman, Cactus Gallery, CD13 Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell, CiBiC, Chu-Gooding Architects, Clockshop, Claytivity, Dake Wilson Architects, Dorris Place Elementary, Efra Aquitectura, Elysian Valley Recreation Center, Elysian Valley Riverside Neighborhood Council, Family Industries, First Impression Dance Studio, Flawless Post, Flip This B\*tch, Frame Monster Design Lab, Friends of the LA River, Frogtown Brewery, Frogtown Creative, FSY Architects, Grain Surfboards, Happier Camper, Cyndi Hubach, Just What I Kneaded Bakery, The Klub Gymnastics, Kruegermann Pickles, LA County Bicycle Coalition, LA-Más, LA River Public Art Project, LA River X, Left Bank, Lloyd Production Studios, Lucas Salon, MASHUP Contemporary Dance Co., Christine Mills, The Mora Family, NELA Mercadito, Nourmand & Associates, Pacific West Business Properties, Pasquini Coffee, Pat's Woodworks, Plan:d Gallery, Quantum Clinic, Christine & Raul Rodriguez, Salazar Restaurant, Mike Sonksen, Spoke Bicycle Cafe, Sun Run Solar, Tracy A. Stone Architect, Uncommon, Waxpaper, Ways & Means, Rex Weiner, Holly Wyman, Za Za Za Restaurant.

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