

Just Among Friends

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The monthly newsletter for Friends of Placer Repertory Theater

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DID YOU KNOW?

March 2023 is the 28th Year of National Developmental Disability Month!



Placer Rep Announces New VAPA Academy!



By T.S. Forsyth

As of 2023, Placer Rep is excited to announce the Placer Repertory Theater VAPA Academy, a program developed for **Colfax Elementary School District** for grades K-8.

Through expert facilitation, students learn to creatively & imaginatively conceive, plan, author, collaborate, lead functional groups, direct, design, craft, produce and perform age-appropriate new works relevant to the students, reflective of their individual voices and collaborative group voice.

The Placer Rep VAPA Academy program has three formats: Intersession (1 week all-day), Summer (5 weeks all-day) and Extended Learning (36 weeks, after school).

Huge thanks belong to Superintendent Andrew Giannini and the [Colfax Elementary School District](#) for their scholastic creativity and vision, and provision of funds and support for the PRT VAPA Academy of Colfax program.

Participating artists/educators are featured on the associated web page.

**FMI: Placer Rep VAPA Academy
Program**

<https://PlacerRep.org/Placer-Repertory-Theater-VAPA-Academy>

Studium-Practicum Update

As of 2023, all Company Members now participate in Studium-Practicum, a continuing education program under the Professional Growth program area. Members meet twice per month for education and training in theories, methods and stagecraft/technique to grow as artists and as

an ensemble.

So far, we've asked, "What is Theatre?" and explored Peter Brook, including *The Empty Space*, his biography, a high-level discussion of theories and methods mentioned in his books, and had a brief discussion of Classical theater and the history of theater. Company members were provided with Rollo May's *The Courage to Create* and learned a few new acting tools.

March turns us from classical theater and the presentational performance style toward realism with Stanislavski script and character analysis and character development. Then we will continue with Stanislavski as we explore (compare/contrast and experience) the progression from and reaction to Stanislavski's system and methods through the work of others (Meyerhold, Brecht, Grotowski, Beck, Adler, Meisner, Hagen, Practical Aesthetics, and others). And we'll be exploring voice & movement for the actor through the study of Linklater, Laban and others.

Below, our company takes a moment to enjoy a little wackiness.



Placer Rep 2023 Company Members & Affiliates:

- Back Row (left to right): Emalie Powers, Ronnie Duska Fowler, Judy Merrick, Cloud Adams, Carol Anne Lopez, Arie Knyazev, Shaquarrius Calloway
- Front Row (left to right): Gary Giurbino, Kyla Quinn, Philip Jacques, Shianne Dingeman, Del Dozier.
- Floor: Matthew D. Heyer
- Not pictured: Marion Jeffery, Layce Lynne Kieu, Carey McCray

2023 Host-Venue for Studium-Practicum:



[THANK YOU TAMRALOO!](#)

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Collaboration LAB New Home for 2023

by Matt Heyer

Enjoy a taphouse beer or glass of wine along with the performances and presentations of area creatives at Collaboration LAB's new venue for March through October 2023 at the Cool River Pizza & Taphouse event room.

Placer Rep is excited to share this new Collaboration LAB facility at 6200 Stanford Ranch Road, conveniently located on the border of Roseville and Rocklin, only a couple miles off the Roseville/Rocklin exit 105B (Taylor/Pacific).

The venue is very conducive to Collaboration LAB and its variety of presenters from visual artists, designers and writers to comedians, musicians and actors. Local music groups and other organizations have already discovered Cool River's hospitality and Placer Rep looks forward to a fruitful partnership in 2023 with the local business owners while Placer Rep continues its epic search for a new home all its own.

[Next LAB March 26 @ 7 PM](#)
At Cool River Pizza & Taphouse!
featuring
a drawing valued at \$100,
thanks to March's co-sponsors:



LAB's new home: Cool River Pizza & Taphouse, 6200 Stanford Ranch Rd, border of Rocklin & Roseville



Ray Baldonade, CME at Jan 2023 LAB



Cloud Adams presenting at the LAB



Audrey Ella Garland performed at Jan 2023 LAB

Must reserve your seat on Eventbrite (Free) and be present to win.

[FMI / Reserve Your Seat](#)

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/collaboration-lab-tickets-515729529907>

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PlacerRep.org

Placer Repertory Theater is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

LOCAL / REGIONAL:

Grants Due in March, April

Spring grants are due in March & April. ACPC, CAC and Upstate CA Creative Corps grants are available.



Since 2018, the Arts Council of Placer County has awarded over \$500,000 through the ACPC Community Grants Program, which receives its funding from the California Arts Council, Placer County government and private donors.

March 31 is the deadline for the Community Arts Grants offered by the Arts Council of Placer County.

Financial support is offered via five grant categories. Visit their website for more information:

**FMI:
ACPC**

<https://www.placerarts.org/community-grants/>



The California Arts Council offers both Administrative Organization and Individual Artist grants at various intervals throughout the year.

Examining closed grant programs can be an excellent education opportunity, but currently, there are two open grant opportunities.

One of the currently open opportunities is the Individual Artist Fellowship.

Next application deadline is April 14, 2023.

FMI: CAC

<https://arts.ca.gov/grants/grant-programs/>



The Upstate California Creative Corps is a newly launched grant program which places artists in service to communities across nineteen counties in Northern California - and get paid for it.

For Upstate California, Nevada County Arts Council is the designated organization to administrate \$3,384,043 in workforce development funds for artists, as well as for arts and social service organizations who will employ artists between Spring 2023 and Spring 2024. The next grant deadline is April 14, 2023.

**FMI:
UCC**

<https://www.upstatecreativecorps.org/apply-now>

REGIONAL / NATIONAL:

NATIONAL DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY MONTH!

About this Month:

- <https://www.nationaldisabilityinstitute.org/press/march-is-developmental-disabilities-awareness-month/>

Tate Galleries: Disability & Art:

- <https://www.tate.org.uk/art/disability-and-art>

Disability & Representation: Arts & Artists

President Ronald Reagan, in 1987, first recognized March as National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention define developmental disabilities as impairments in physical, learning, language or behavior areas, and include:

- Autism spectrum disorders
- Cerebral palsy
- Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)
- Learning or intellectual disabilities
- Hearing loss
- Vision impairment
- Other developmental delays

Would you be surprised to find out that many **Placer Rep company members and affiliates suffer from one or more disabilities?** For example, the producing artistic director suffers from arthritis and dyslexia, and creatives with whom Placer Rep works/worked have ADHD, Tourette's Syndrome, learning and/or mental disabilities, anxiety disorders, and a variety of other emotional, mental or physical disabilities, including Autism Spectrum.

To those with disabilities, you are not alone, and you are valued! All people identified as having disabilities are still vibrant contributors to our culture and communities.

Click below to read a thoughtful ARTnews article regarding disability and the arts:

ARTnews: Disability Arts Now

[Actors with Dyslexia](#)

Backstage Article:

<https://www.backstage.com/magazine/article/actors-with-dyslexia-advice-75999/>



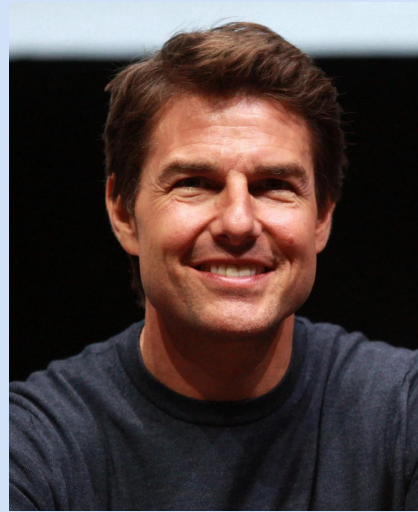
Whoopi Goldberg



Cher



Jennifer Aniston



Tom Cruise

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