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The monthly newsletter for Friends of Placer Repertory Theater

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DID YOU KNOW? May is...

- Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month
- Melanoma Awareness Month
- Mental Health Awareness Month



Placer Rep Update: April, May, June

Collaboration LAB, Rocklin 130th Anniversary, Big Day of Giving, Studium-Practicum and more

Q2 at Placer Rep has seen a whirlwind of activity which will continue through June:

- April 3-7: VAPA Academy Spring Intersession
- April 23: Collaboration LAB @ Cool River Pizza & Taphouse in Rocklin.
- MAY 4 was Big Day of Giving (BDOG). THANK YOU BDOG DONORS!
- MAY 6: Rocklin 130th Anniversary Celebration. Placer Rep performed 3 scenes full of local history, provided living history performers to mingle with the crowd, and at our Booth, we offered Storytelling, Local History Trivia & Prizes, Treats, plus Four Drawings for gift baskets. Thank you, in-kind donors: (See event poster on right)
- May 7 & May 21 Studium-Practicum (professional growth based upon world-class MFA programs)
- May 28 Collaboration LAB. All creatives welcome! Present & network.
- May 30 thru June 30 Placer Rep VAPA Academy Summer Program.
- June Season 2023-2024 to be announced

Thank you, BDOG Donors:

Yevgeniy Gnedash, William Halldin, Robert Forsyth, Roger Peterson, Luisa Piette, Maggie Upton and ANONYMOUSx10.

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Education Outreach at Placer Rep

- Summer VAPA Academy
- VAPA Extended Learning
- Artists in the Classroom
- 2023-2024 School Tours

By T.S. Forsyth

Placer Rep's Education Outreach programs continue as we plan 2023-2024 opportunities for students:

- Free tickets for students to Placer Rep public productions
- **Artists in the classroom** for K-12 and colleges (visiting artists or artists-in-residence).
- May 30 thru June 30 Placer Rep VAPA Academy Summer program
- Aug 2023 May 2024 VAPA Extended Learning
- 2023-2024 School Tours program

Yes, School Tours!

Did you know Placer Rep has a fledgling School Tours program? Both Rodger McDonald (board Treasurer) and T.S. Forsyth (board President) previously operated professional touring companies that performed at schools (and performing arts venues) throughout CA.

During the 2021-2022 & 2022-2023 school year, Placer Rep performed at Foresthill High School and Oakmont High School, and Placer Rep is currently writing grants and raising funds to expand its School Tours program.

Not only do School Tours benefit students & scholastic institutions throughout the area, but touring programs also provide daytime employment for professional artists and technicians to further grow the talent pool and benefit the local economy. Every \$1 spent on professional performing arts generates over \$28 in additional spending in the community!





Spring 2023 VAPA Academy. Student learns to place a spike mark on the floor.



Placer Repertory Theater VAPA Academy of Colfax Next Session: SUMMER 2023 May 30 thru June 30



Thanks to Superintendent Andrew Giannini, Placer Rep is in contract with the <u>Colfax</u> <u>Elementary School District</u> to provide the Placer Repertory Theater VAPA Academy of Colfax pilot program April 2023 through May 2024.

Placer Rep's VAPA Academy Summer session (May 30 - June 30) offers innovative and experiential curriculum grounded in 21st Century Skills Development, like creativity, critical thinking and leadership. All-day, morning session and afternoon session slots are available, and registration continues through May 19.

PRT's VAPA Academy was designed for implementation in multiple school districts. Contact Education@PlacerRep.org if interested.

FMI: Placer Rep VAPA
Academy

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

LOCAL / REGIONAL:



Grant Deadline: June 30, 2023

Since 2018, over \$500,000 has been awarded through the ACPC Community Grants Program, thanks largely in part to funding from Placer County and the California Arts Council, in addition to private donations. Click the button to learn more about ACPC's Community Arts Grants:

FMI: Visit ACPC

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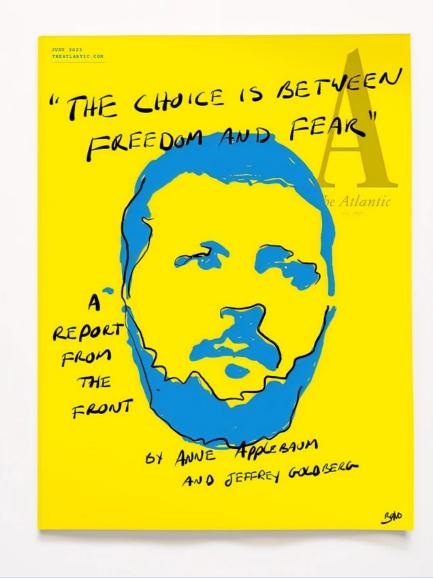
BONO Illustrates Atlantic cover with Zelensky

The Atlantic magazine invited **Bono**, the U2 singer and activist **(famous for his celebrity portraits and sketches)**, to illustrate the June 2023 cover. His subject? A portrait of Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, accompanied by a quote, "The Choice Is Between Freedom and Fear."

Read the Atlantic article:

"A Report from the Front: The Case for the Total Liberation of Ukraine."

(https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2023/06/counteroffensive-ukraine-zelensky-crimea/673781/)



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