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IMPACT REPORT

2022

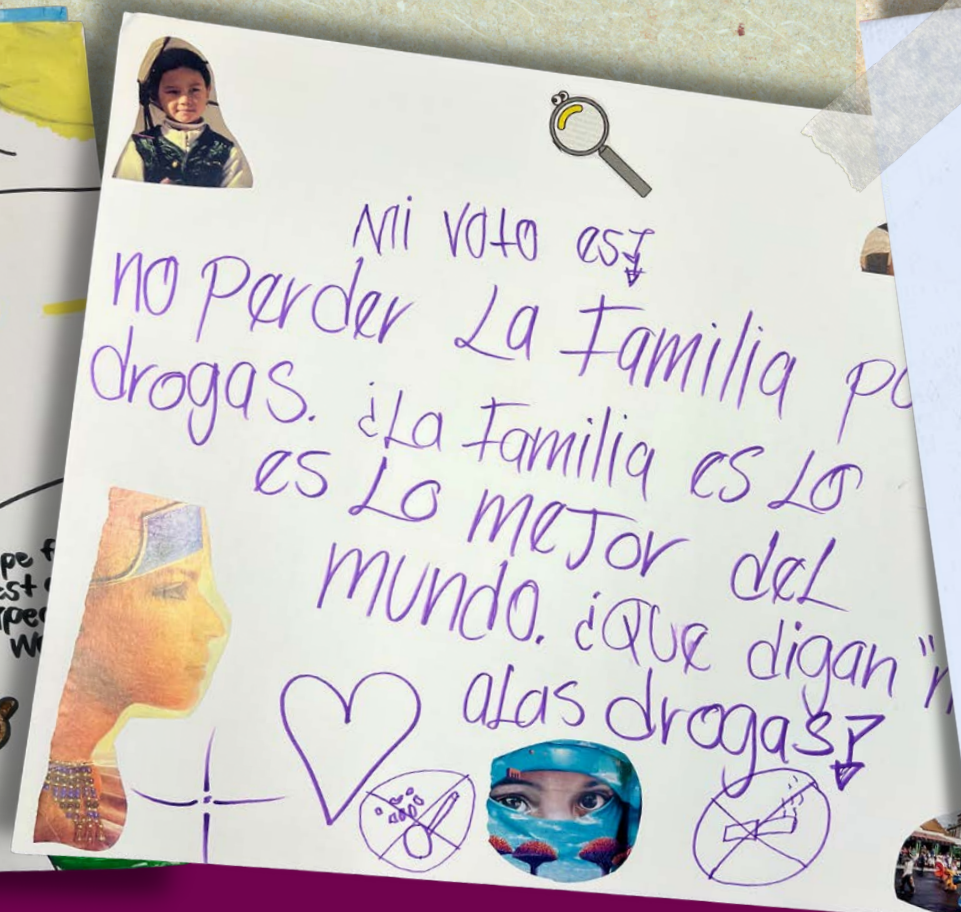


ART ATTACKS!

Art Attacks! was chosen as
1 of Pulitzer Center's
Top Ten Lesson Plans of 2022!

Art Attacks! aims to educate and inspire incarcerated youth about the REAL history of the United States, Civil Rights & Civic Engagement.

This year we focused on voting and the upcoming Mid-Term elections over two separate 6 week sessions at all LA County Juvenile Camps, servicing approx. 120 students



"IT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW HISTORY, IT'S A CYCLE, WE GOTTA LEARN HOW TO BREAK IT."
— Student at Camp Afflerbaugh

"BASICALLY, I FEEL LIKE MY VOTE IS STRONG, IT'S POWERFUL. ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS."
— Student at Camp Kilpatrick

HOW?

- Theater Games
- Poetry
- Visual Art
- Empower & Amplify their voices in the conversation around Civic Engagement

Alumni Lab

Our Alumni Laboratory is a monthly gathering of our alumni who were connected to Creative Acts while incarcerated and continue as lead Teaching Artists. They have a total of over **260** years of incarceration between them.

We created a "Laboratory" because we are aligned with the spirit of science — developing visionary ideas, experimenting, failing, reassessing and trying again. This group is our Brain Trust and are paid as experts in the field.



"How do we create games that speak of trauma?
How do we create games that open them up to see?
That's the point of creativity..."
Alumni Member, Major

"We have to get creative, we have to figure out different ways to reach & teach different people because everybody's perception and mindset is not the same."
Alumni Member, Star

HOW?

Meet monthly

Experiment
Create, &
Play Games

Scaffold our
Curricula

Ensure the work
we do is relevant
and appropriate

Content Warning :

While we understand the photos on the following page may be shocking to some, to our inside partners, this is often the closest they've come to freedom for years.

Where we see cages, they see hope, which says a lot about the trauma they are living with and reminds us that punishment never makes us safer



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VIRTUAL REALITY REENTRY PROGRAM

HOW?

Our VR Sessions are designed to expose our participants to experiences which have been shown to cause anxiety in Individuals reentering society after long term incarceration.

Guided Relaxation

This Year our groundbreaking program was the first to be invited to work with people in solitary confinement at Corcoran State Prison.

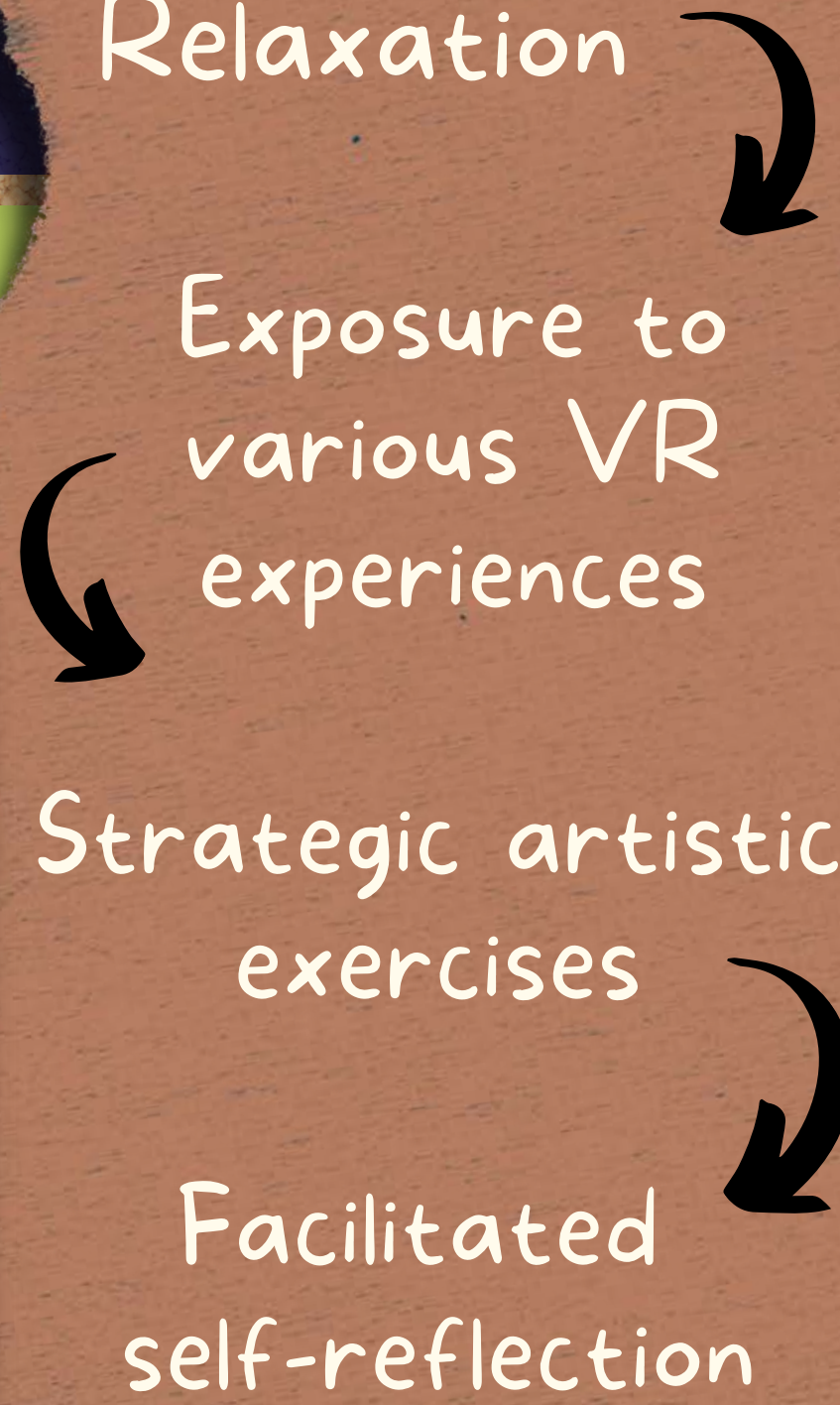
These participants experience a higher level of trauma than anyone we have worked with before, and we are so grateful we could facilitate a space for joy, creativity and community, In spite of their usually isolated and punishing circumstances.



“I have hope, I have vision now...”
-Participant



“It’s a blessing just to feel.”
-Participant



AND DON'T FORGET....

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We still offer *DEI & Anti-Racism Trainings*

The Creative Acts Anti-Racism workshops are interactive and fun as well as being transformative and educational. Participants will be invited to work in groups, exploring the challenges of diversity and inclusion in the workplace and systemic racism through arts exercises that encourage a group approach to anti-racism in the workplace.



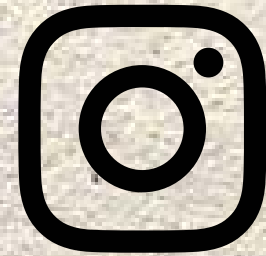
As well as *Teaching Artist Trainings*



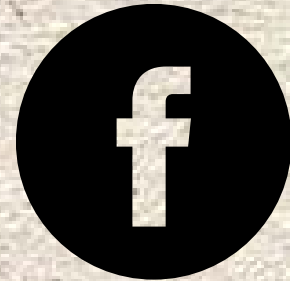
Visit www.Creativeacts.us to learn more about our Teaching Artists and to keep posted on Trainings.

You can also sign up for DEI & Anti-Racism Trainings on our website. See you In 2023!!

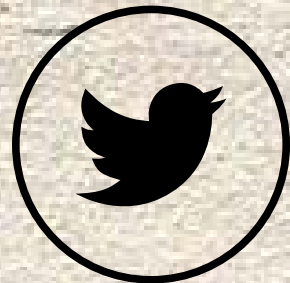
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A graphic featuring a dark blue background with a teal, textured, brushstroke-like shape. Inside this shape, the words 'CREATIVE' and 'ACTS' are written in a white, sans-serif font, stacked vertically. The entire graphic is set against a background of a torn paper effect, with a purple and orange gradient at the bottom right.

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MY VOTE IS..

FREE MY Brother OUT OF the COMPound. Free ALL BTEAM.
 TO Put More Program's IN the Project's for the Kid's.
 TO have More Job's IN the area for teen's that really need them.
 TO get ALL Police out of the hood.
 TO Put MORE School's IN My area so Kid's can start going to School More.
 Lower the rent so People will be able to Pay there rent.



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VOICES

FIRE

SMILE

Community

Future

THE FUTURE WE DARE TO CREATE