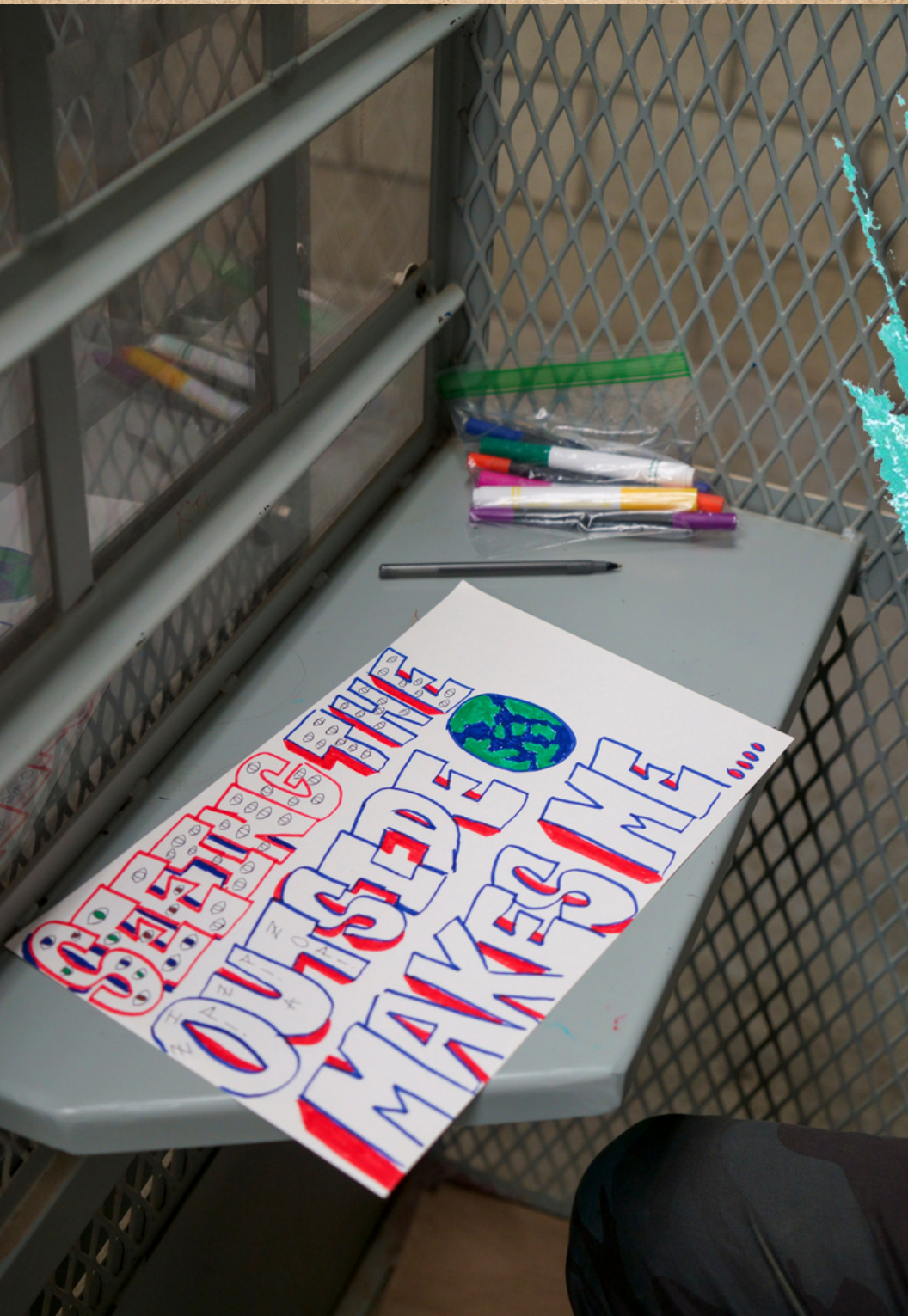


2023



Impact Report

2023: Year in Review

This Year was a BIG Year at Creative Acts!

2 VR Programs in Solitary Confinement



2 Sessions of Art Attacks!



5 Yr Anniversary Fundraiser!



“Being part of Creative Acts means being part of a movement that is not only changing individual lives but also influencing societal attitudes and policies. It's an opportunity to be at the heart of impactful change, leveraging the arts to heal, empower, and transform.”

-Emiliano Lopez, Board Member

Finalist for the National Justice Innovation Prize



And....

- Hosted 3 Film Screenings at Valley State Prison & CA Institution for Men
- Hosted 3 Teacher Trainings
- Started our New Program at Community Reentry Center (D.O.O.R.S.)
- And....More!

Our new staff member: Brittney Quach

“I am excited to be working with Creative Acts due to the groundbreaking strides & unwavering dedication to providing resources & empowering those affected by the justice system— who are often disregarded. As an artist, it serves as a powerful reminder of what genuinely matters. Working alongside these impactful individuals who are actively reshaping today's society is not just an opportunity but a true privilege.”

5-Year Anniversary Fundraiser Celebration



This year we had our first big public fundraising event to **Celebrate 5 Years of Creative Acts!** Allowing friends, donors & supporters to actively experience our work, partners and Our Impact!

It was graciously hosted by NAVEL in downtown LA and was a truly magical night including a Silent Auction, amazing food and drink, and incredible performers like Aloe Blacc, Maya Jupiter, Wayne Kramer, and more!

"A most beautiful and spiritually edifying and filling experience last night! Thank you for all the love you've injected and continue to circulate throughout our communities; lovingly altering generations to come."

-Attendee



Results

- Overall we raised \$22,407.00!
- For context, the amount that was raised helped pay for 6 months of The Alumni Lab AND all the art supplies for a year of Art Attacks!

Virtual Reality in Solitary



- **Content warning: Solitary Confinement**
- Our groundbreaking program is the first 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.

Results of our work inside: On average, residents' prison infractions have dropped 96%

*"I went to the top of the Earth, I felt like it was mine."
-Participant*

Our first VR Session Dec '22 – Dec '23

Before Session total participants infractions: **214**

Since Session: **17**

Our most recent VR session OCT 23' – Dec '23

Before Session total participants infractions: **735**

Since Session: **1**

"Man, my mental health people asked me, 'What are they doing to you in there? You've completely changed!'"

-Participant in the SHU, Corcoran State Prison 2023



ART ATTACKS!

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

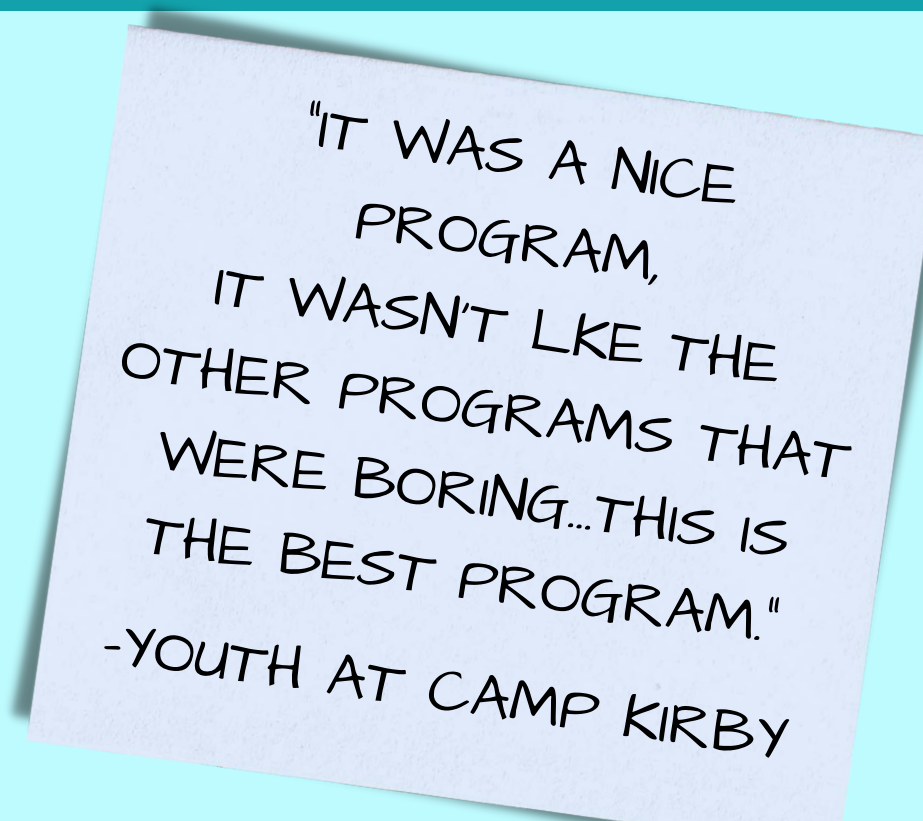
Art Attacks! Uses a multi-disciplinary, arts-based approach to civically engage youth who are incarcerated, and connect them to the power of their voice to deeply impact their communities.

How Does it Work? By creating a room that combines play, art and history. Giving youth tools to become involved and engaged, which develops confidence & changes narratives they hold about their worth.

Protest Posters



In Their Words



Special Guests

Vaneza Calderon



Aloe Blacc
& Maya Jupiter

Our 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



How?

- Meet monthly
- Experiment Create, & Play Games
- Scaffold our Curricula
- Ensure the work we do is relevant and appropriate

Creative Acts DEI/Anti-Racism and Organizational Training

The Creative Acts approach centers the arts and creativity as avenues for change. Instead of shame and blame, we focus on healing and transformation. We have worked with nonprofits, corporations and government departments to tailor a unique, engaging and challenging process that sets teams up for real cultural and behavioral change.

Who Is This For?

- Each program is tailored to your company, non-profit or organization, in-person or virtually
- From small private groups to large corporations, Creative Acts' program can be customized to suit your needs.

How?

- Making Group Agreements
- Interactive Team Building Exercises
- Group Poetry & Drawn Art
- Open Discussion:
 - We encourage honest conversations w/out judgement

Interested?

For more information &
to apply:
info@creativeacts.us



Stay in touch & see what 2024 brings, including...

- A new play from our Alumni Lab
- A new program that brings residents & correctional officers together for the first time
- A 10 Year Think Tank with the CA prison system
- A documentary about the work
- An expansion of our programs, including with Crenshaw Dairy Mart at Camp Kilpatrick

And to make sure we can achieve all of this cutting-edge work with enough support, please become part of our community by donating HERE – We can't do it without you!

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