



PROGRAM PORTRAIT

Art Center East

Founded in 1977 as the Eastern Oregon Regional Arts Council, Art Center East aims to inspire, enrich and interlace Eastern Oregon communities through creative expression. Art Center East provides arts education to K-8 students across Eastern Oregon through the Artists in Rural Schools program, serving 80 percent Title I or low-income schools. Locally, Art Center East provides gallery exhibits, art and wellness classes, community music ensembles and lessons, and other community cultural experiences, contributing to the \$1.2 million in economic activity generated by the arts and culture sector in Northeast Oregon. In 2017-2018, Art Center East served over 20,000 students, artists and audience members.

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LA GRANDE, UNION COUNTY

STARTED IN 1977

LESS THAN \$300,000 IN EXPENSES

61-70% OF BUDGET SPENT ON ARTS EDUCATION

3-3.9 FTE PAID STAFF SUPPORT ARTS EDUCATION

1,400 VOLUNTEER HOURS SUPPORT ARTS EDUCATION ANNUALLY

ARTISTS IN RURAL SCHOOLS

STARTED IN 1982

MUSIC, LITERACY, DANCE, VISUAL AND TRADITIONAL ARTS PROGRAMMING OCCURS DURING AND AFTER SCHOOL

2,050 K-8 STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN PROGRAMMING DURING THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

REACHING STUDENTS IN BAKER, BURNT RIVER, PRAIRIE CITY, HARNEY COUNTY, CRANE, VALE, MORROW, IONE, UMATILLA COUNTY, ATHENA-WESTON, IMBLER AND PINE EAGLE SCHOOL DISTRICTS

ARTISTS IN RURAL SCHOOLS

Art Center East's Artists in Rural Schools (AiRS) program provides arts learning opportunities for K-12 students in rural Eastern Oregon, where in-school arts education is often limited or nonexistent.

AiRS places teaching artists representing a variety of disciplines – including literary and visual arts, music, theater, and dance – into classrooms for residencies typically lasting one week. During residencies, teaching artists engage students in sequential and developmentally appropriate art lessons aligned with the Oregon Department of Education's arts content standards.

During each residency, students receive group instruction for a minimum of three days per week for at least one hour per day. One week includes 20 contact hours between students and teaching artists. On average, Art Center East provides a total of 35-40 weeks per year or 700-800 contact hours of arts instruction in public schools in Baker, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Malheur, Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa and Wheeler counties.

During the 2018-2019 school year, AiRS teaching artists including Kay Braden, Victoria Snow Mountain, Kelly Thibodeaux, Albert Alter, Carol Lindsay, Samuel Becerra and Paul Hoelscher, reached over 2,050 students across Eastern Oregon.