TOGETHER WE SHINE
CALDERA

With Your Support, Youth and Artists Create Powerful Connections

YOUTH PROGRAM

CALDERA’s year-round programming is a constant in the lives of youth for over a generation. Our Arts Partner Middle Schools, mentored by skilled artists and an in-school residency with professional artists. High school students participated in sequential weekend workshops, such as the printing of a cooking shoe or jewels, the ancient art of batik painting. All Caldera students had the opportunity to take part in the “Many Colors” festival. For more about our youth program, visit www.calderapdx.org/YouthProgram.

Arts Partner Middle Schools

CENTRAL OREGON
Elko Gregory Middle School (Redmond)
Jefferson County Middle School (Murtaugh)
Ochoco Middle School (Deschutes)
Pilot Butte Middle School (Redmond)
Terrebonne Community School (Terrebonne)
Wren Springs K-8 Academy (Wren Springs)

PORTLAND METRO AREA
H.B. Lee Middle School
Jesuit Law Jr.
Open School East
Open School North
Peninsula School K-8
Swift Employment, Inc. (SCO)

YOUTH PROGRAM BY THE NUMBERS:

APPROXIMATELY

400 STUDENTS

INTERACTED WITH BY OUR ARTISTS, NURTURING, AND TEACHING ARTISTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

85% ELEMENTARY
(7-9 years)

62% MIDDLE SCHOOL
(10-13 years)

32% HIGH SCHOOL
(14-17 years)

25% OF OUR STUDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH.

*Note: the figures are approximate, enrollment is determined by residency and school choice. Arts schedulers do not have access to these stats.

BUNNY ACHIEVES ACADEMIC SUCCESS WITH COMMUNITY SUPPORT

“Kept my grades up in middle school, so I could go to Caldera,” said Bunny, who was an active part of Caldera during her middle school years at James Hill. It was this involvement that helped Bunny become one of 15 Portland Public School students to win a $150 Park Art Award. Nominated by her teachers, the award was for her contributions to her community and her creative and academic achievements. “Not too many people get to perform this well!” said the artist. Because Bunny thanked her family, teachers, and “Calderas, of course, my second family,” Caldera mentor Meg Ball said, “There’s such a smart, kind, wonderful young woman. I believe that she has and will accomplish so much in life and in a way that inspires others.” Bunny is a star soccer player and has big plans, and hopes to work in a medical profession someday.

CALDERA WINS PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES YOUTH PROGRAM AWARD

In November 2015, Caldera was honored to receive a National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award. Executive Director Tricia Stuntz and student representative Naihahsel accepted the award from First Lady Michelle Obama at the White House award ceremony honoring 12 creative youth development organizations from across the nation. Caldera is the first organization in Oregon to receive this honor, which are awarded to those with our youth, community, and support—YOU.

Update: Naihahsel now studies psychology and philosophy as a freshman at Ginnel College. “I love when someone asks about how I went to the White House, because I inevitably talk about Caldera. I’m so proud of Caldera almost daily in my continued friendship and art pieces I’ve collected.” Naihahsel is looking to become an art therapist and hopes to return to Caldera someday as an art therapist. YOUTH COOK UP CREATIVITY

This year, Caldera high schoolers sliced into the world of culinary arts in workshops with professional chefs. While learning about cooking nutritious, foods creative, the students learned how “the food was amazing! I think that cooking in an arts environment with really skilled and creative chefs! Students in Portland worked with chef Joe Moscati and teaching artists Aaron Nigel Smith and Billy Miller to create a cooking show, Joe taught students with creativity the perfect flavors and spices they thought together. They also got to film, light the set, run and edit. The final dialogues. “It was a joy to see our youth collaborations on such a complex project,” said chef. Our first Arts in Residence (AIR) culinary artist, Carsen Davis, mentored students in Central Oregon. As they created two Street eats entries featuring chicken, “It was great to think how we loved all flavors and textures,” she said.

COMBINING ARTS & NATURE

Many Caldera workshops offered this year bridged arts and nature learning, creating a unique opportunity for students to explore. “Nature learning opens up different ways of thinking about the world, ourselves, and our contexts,” said Randall Malcolm, High School Mentor & Environmental Curriculum Coordinator. Here are a few highlights:

• Youth attended a workshop at Mount Hood Community College in Portland where they learned about geyseric, the Japanese art of making fish print with ink and real fish. Students also brought the Botanical Technology Program and learned about environmental careers, fish biology, and local college possibilities.

• In spring, high schoolers participated in the Castle Field Days where they interacted about Secret service jobs from our partner organization, the U.S. Forest Service, and helped forestry professionals remove invasive plants. Everyone the chefs and teaching artists Lee Emmert and Robert Dukhanty collaborate to create a week for their rich:

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ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE (AIR)

From January through March, panel-selected professional artists convene for enriching residencies at our Arts Center. They then collaborate together in the delightful studio setting and teach Caldera youth through workshops and talks. Each month, the public comes to meet the artists and learn about their work in progress at our Open Studios events. Additionally, since 2011, Caldera has been a host site for the celebrated “Golden Spot” residency in April, supported by The Ford Family Foundation, that commissions Oregon visual artists. More information on our AIR Program can be found at www.calderarts.org/AIR.

Jason Graham (aka, MCAlay Whie or MOCO) is a familiar face to many at Caldera. Not only has he been teaching artist, but he is also the mastermind behind the A Friend to Caldera program. This is a program that has been the most loved and appreciated by Caldera’s community of donors. So we’re thrilled to bring it back this year! 

MOCO—a Friend to Caldera—Many Times Over

At last year’s Shenandoah Exchange, a new event organized by Caldera, youth taught writing and performing skills. “What I learned from my experience was that you get to collaborate with the children of the arts center. The students really energized each other for the participatory part by being ‘in-tact’,” said John as an Arts in Residence event. He got a rare chance to focus on his painting. “That was fun,” he said. “We had a whole school of artists.”

Participating in Shenandoahs Exchange for the first time, Jason could not help but feel the deep energy and community among Caldera’s community of donors. “We’re thrilled that Caldera is in the running and that each dollar raised would have a big impact.”

With Caldera’s help, it’s hard to keep track of all the contributions made by Caldera’s community of donors. “It’s been an honor to give back and pay it forward.”

I GIVE BECAUSE...

“I CALLED CALDERA, CALDERA PROVIDES HOPE. CALDERA HELPS KIDS RECOGNIZE THEIR POTENTIAL, I LOVE THE SUCCESS I’VE SEEN WITH THE KIDS AT CALDERA.”

—Sara M. Zittel, Director of Development (Caldera Corporate Sponsor and Donor)

I GIVE BECAUSE...

“I WAS LUCKY ENOUGH TO BE AWARDED A RESIDENCY IN 1999, AND IT WAS ONE OF THE MOST REWARDING TIMES I’VE EVER HAD. I WISH I COULD DONATE MORE.”

—Bertha Hüler (Director of Residency Alumni and First Past Laureate of Delancey County, New York)

I GIVE BECAUSE...

“I LOVE THE IDEA OF GIVING YOUTH A FUTURE IN THE ARTS THAT THEY MAY HAVE NEVER HAD.”

—Livesey Myers, B.C. Whittaker (Caldera Donor)

I GIVE BECAUSE...

“I LOVE CALDERA, YOU HAVE BEEN AMAZING, BRILLIANT, CARING, NURTURING, ENCOURAGING, SUPPORTING, EMBRACING, AND LOVING TO MY SON, HE HAS GROWN TO BE A WONDERFUL, ARTISTIC, AND POSITIVE YOUNG MAN BECAUSE OF ALL YOU PROVIDE!”

—Joyce Maris (Parent of Caldera Student)

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See you at the Stories of Change 2017 event on Saturday, October 7 and Thursday, November 9 in Portland.

In the fall of 2017, Caldera will host two events for our supporters and Caldera community to celebrate the youth and impact of Caldera.

Thank you for all you give to Caldera. It’s because of you that we are able to continue serving and supporting our youth and their creativity.

Please consider continuing your support for Caldera by donating online at www.calderarts.org.
MENTORING OREGON YOUTH THROUGH ARTS, NATURE, AND COMMUNITY

Founded in 1996, Caldera is a catalyst for the transformation of underserved youth through innovative, year-round art and environmental programs. Caldera nurtures individual creativity to ignite self-expression and transform the way young people engage in their lives, families, and communities.

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