



The Arts Are Alive at OSA

As faculty and students shelter in place, we're changing the way we teach and create art at a time when we need it the most.

We won't lie. Shifting arts instruction and practice to the virtual space would have been unthinkable before our shelter-in-place reality. After all, our design and visual arts are dependent on materials only found at a school site, and the performing arts are often a highly physical and/or ensemble-based. But we're doing it!

Through a combination of live virtual class sessions and guided remote lessons, students are practicing their craft while being on the forefront of adapting the arts to a purely virtual space. We're also keenly aware that our arts staff is made up of working artists who have been personally and financially impacted by the devastating effect of performance and exhibition cancelations in the Bay Area and across the country.

We've committed to paying all of our arts staff, full and part-time, for the rest of the school year. We're also connecting our arts faculty to services that assist working artists in recovering lost wages resulting from canceled gigs.