



In recent years, the Community Foundation has supported a number of arts festivals and events, including *Sculpture Sonoma*, *Performance Sonoma*, *A Night of Poetry and Song* and the *ArtsSonoma Festival 2009*. Each of these events has been, to some degree, groundbreaking. Each has involved new collaborations among arts organizations and artists exploring a common theme; each has developed creative ways of making arts more accessible to the public and increased awareness of Sonoma County's great diversity of arts; and each has helped the Community Foundation find new avenues for supporting local arts.

In 2010, the Community Foundation's arts grants will continue to support the innovative joint work of local artists and arts organizations in the *ArtsSonoma Festival*. We will again collaborate with the Arts Council of Sonoma County in funding the *Festival*. The Community Foundation's goals for this collaboration are to:

- increase the accessibility of arts to the community;
- continue to support outreach to new arts audiences;
- continue to strengthen collaboration among arts organizations;
- continue to call attention to Sonoma County arts; and
- help arts organizations survive through difficult financial times by providing a large number of small, general operating grants.

The Arts Council will continue to organize and coordinate *ArtsSonoma's* activities in 2010, including the release of a Request For Proposals, the vetting of the applications, and the selection of *Festival* artists and arts organizations to receive grants. For information on how you or your organization can participate in the *ArtsSonoma Festival 2010*, please check with the Arts Council through the [Festival website](#).