ARTS AND CULTURE, WELLNESS, COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH RESOURCE LIST

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This is the beginning of a Resource List for publications, organizations, and projects where arts and culture, wellness, community and public health intersect. If you have other articles, projects and organizations to add, please send them to me at aljconsulting@aljconsulting.org.

PUBLICATIONS AND WEBSITES:

Art & Public Health Resource Page: - University of Illinois at Chicago


http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1447989/

Philadelphia Social Innovations Journal, Spring 2012 - This entire issue was dedicated to Arts and Culture.
The articles on Art and Public Health included:

- Bringing HIV, Substance Abuse and Homelessness into the University of Pennsylvania Anthropology Museum through Photo-Ethnography by Philippe Bourgois, May 2012,
- A Place to Call Home: Public Art as a Tool for Housing Advocacy
- Our Stories, Our Health: Media Partnership with Multiethnic Elder Communities
- Witnesses to Hunger: Changing the Dialogue on Hunger and Poverty through Photography and Testimony
- Using Theatre to Engage People in Public Health Discourse that Inspires Real-World Change
- Wounded Warriors and the Healing Power of Stories: How Veterans’ Narratives Can Help Us Understand and Address the Public Health Impacts of War

Weaving Traditional Arts Into the Fabric of Community Health, A Briefing from the Alliance for California Traditional Arts
ORGANIZATIONS (ARTS AND HEALTH, ARTS AND HEALING, ARTS AND PUBLIC HEALTH):

Art and Global Health Center, UCLA - Founded in 2006, the UCLA Art & Global Health Center is part of UCLA’s unique Department of World Arts & Cultures/Dance, a leading institution for the study of the arts in a global context. Operating in eight countries on five continents, Art & Global Health Center programs begin with local artists and artisans communicating about HIV/AIDS and other public health issues in accessible and entertaining ways. http://artglobalhealth.org/ Current programs include:

- AMP - An Arts-based, Multiple-intervention, Peer-education HIV & STI prevention program for high school youth in Los Angeles, Atlanta, and Chapel Hill.
- Art & Global Health Center Africa - On-the-ground, youth-driven art interventions in Malawi and South Africa. Visit the center online at aghcafrica.org.
- Through Positive Eyes - An international photography project of HIV-positive people in cities around the world. View the project at throughpositiveyes.org.

Smith Center for Healing and the Arts - Founded in 1996, Smith Center for Healing and the Arts (formerly Smith Farm) is a nonprofit health, education, and arts organization offering integrative healing programs and resources that explore physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual wellness. Dedicated to serving those affected by cancer, we now also offer many of our resources to the community at large. We serve thousands of people each year. Our work is based on a single profound idea: that everyone harbors the innate ability to heal even in the face of life’s most serious challenges, and that ability to heal is enhanced by holistic approaches that include the healing power of the arts. http://www.smithcenter.org/about-smith-center.html

Global Alliance for Arts and Health (formerly Society for the Arts in Healthcare) is a non-profit 501(c)3 corporation in Washington, DC. Founded in 1991, the Global Alliance for Arts & Health is dedicated to advancing arts as integral to healthcare by:

- demonstrating the valuable roles the arts can play in enhancing the healing process;
- advocating for the integration of the arts into the environment and delivery of care within healthcare facilities;
- assisting in the professional development and management of arts programming for healthcare populations;
- providing resources and education to healthcare and arts professionals;
- encouraging and supporting research and investigation into the beneficial effects of the arts in healthcare.

www.thesah.org
The Arts and Healing Network - Created in 1997 as an online resource for anyone interested in the healing potential of art. The site offers a wealth of information about using art to heal oneself, another person, a community, and/or the planet. The site is intended to inspire visitors to engage the healing power of the creative process. If you have any questions or trouble finding what you are looking for, please don't hesitate to contact Tristy Taylor, Director of Communication & Outreach, at arn@artheals.org. The site is organized into six sections: About, Projects, Inspiration, Resources, Artist Support, and Community. http://www.artheals.org/about/about.html

PROJECTS: This list barely scratches the surface of community projects where the arts, wellness, community and public health intersect.

AWE – Inspiring Celebration of Arts, Wellness, and the Environment. Grand re-opening of the park at Palm Center in Houston’s Third Ward, including the opening of a new community garden project and featuring cultural presentations and entertainment by various community groups.

Alzheimer’s Poetry Project - The mission of the Alzheimer's Poetry Project is to facilitate the creativity of people living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia. We seek to bond together as a community built on shared words, passions, and discoveries through the performance and creation of poetry. The National Endowment for the Arts listed the APP as a best practice for the NEA Arts and Aging initiative. The APP was awarded the 2012 MetLife Foundation Creativity and Aging in America Leadership award in the category of Community. http://www.alzpoetry.com/about/

First Annual Boyle Heights Primavera Festival promotes a healthy, sustainable community through the celebration and exploration of gardening, fitness and nutrition at Prospect Park in the East Los Angeles neighborhood of Boyle Heights. A partnership of eight community organizations, this festival is the brainchild of Las Fotos Project founder EricVerbara. http://boyleheightsprimaverafestival.com/

Building Healthy Communities, The California Endowment - Building Healthy Communities is a ten-year, comprehensive community initiative that is creating a revolution in the way Californians think about and support health in their communities. In 14 places across California, residents are proving that they have the power to make health happen in their neighborhoods, schools and with prevention—and in doing so, creating a brighter future for their children and for the state. http://calendow.org/communities/building-healthy-communities/

- We Rise You Tube Video, http://www.bhcconnect.org/health-happens-here/c-long-beach-home/c-lb-announcements/watchweisebyitavaiandaikona
- Health Happens in Youth Media, http://ymbhc.wordpress.com/
**The Medea Project** – In 2008, under the leadership of actor, writer, director, Rhodessa Jones; the Medea Project joined forces with Dr. Edward Mattinger, Women’s HIV Program, UC San Francisco to create theater that explores what it means to be living with HIV. For the past four years, The Medea Project: HIV Circle has performed shows all around the San Francisco Bay Area, sharing the truth and releasing the stigma of what it means to be female and living with the virus.

http://medeaproject.org/
http://www.ucsf.edu/news/2012/03/11727/video-depicts-women-hiv

**Life is Living** - Celebrating life through urban performance, intergenerational health, and environmental action, LIFE Is LIVING is a national campaign of Youth Speaks Inc. that generates partnerships between diverse and underserved communities, green action agencies, local community groups, urban environmental activists, and the contemporary arts world. Life is Living encompasses a series of six-hour inter-disciplinary, intergenerational, eco-equity festivals in neglected parks in underserved neighborhoods around the country. Previous cities include Oakland, CA; Harlem, NY; and Chicago, IL & Houston, TX.

http://www.lifeisliving.org/

**Marnita’s Table** – A unique non-profit 501c(3) located in Minneapolis, MN. Marnita's Table combines social capital, community problem solving, food, and a diverse group gathered to dialogue about topics ranging from unemployment, education, demographic shifts, and community health. Igniting enduring cross-cultural connections through intentional social interaction, Marnita’s Table was founded to break down the barriers of race, class and culture in order to build authentic, positive and productive relationships. For the past seven years, Marnita’s Table has brought together thousands of people for hundreds of focused conversations around a host of issues that matter to our everyday lives. Marnita’s Table earns over 50% of their revenue through consulting with government, non-profit and for-profit organizations to improve understanding and measurably move forward critical initiatives in public health, education, housing, economic development, criminal justice, transportation and other issues.

http://marnitastable.org/about-us/

**Water is Rising, Music and Dance Amid Climate Change, Artists** - Performance and purpose collided in this fourteen city U.S. tour presented in 2011. Presented in the most distinguished theaters in the country, Water is Rising will present the most exciting music and dance traditions of the Pacific while at the same time illuminating the plight of Pacific Islanders. Scientists report that the vulnerable coral atolls of Kiribati, Tokelau, and Tuvalu are already experiencing rising sea levels as a result of global warming and climate change. Thirty-six dancers and musicians express their deep connection to nature and their ancestral past through multi-part harmonies, poetry, and gracious movement cascading over dynamic rhythms inspiring us all to be better stewards of our shared planet.