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Annual Report

AWOKE

The GR818ERS
UNITE Cultural Center

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Who We Are

AWOKE produces educational programs, cross-cultural events and special initiatives that promote youth empowerment, strengthen communities, and foster social kinship. It engages artistic and athletic practitioners as educators, mentors, and changemakers by connecting them to service opportunities in their community. A California nonprofit since 2017, AWOKE's work is anchored in the principles of collaboration and equity - fusing culture, creativity, and service.



AWOKE was established by The GR818ERS, a grassroots collective of artists, athletes and activists founded by youth from Pacoima in 2010. Together they use their lived experiences as people of color raised in a historically disadvantaged community to shape the organization and its activities. AWOKE works to improve access to the arts and athletics, increase civic engagement, and foster positive youth and community development in the San Fernando Valley, Greater Los Angeles County, and globally. AWOKE's UNITE Cultural Center in a Canoga Park storefront is a community hub for all these activities, along with Sheldon Skate Park in Sun Valley - one of the largest public skate parks in Los Angeles.

Where to Find Us

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Message from the Directors

AWOKE, The GR818ERS, and the UNITE Cultural Center stand in solidarity with people whose lives have been impacted by systemic racism and generational poverty. As an organization grounded in the values of culture, creativity, and service, we are committed to racial, gender and economic equity both internally and externally. Our mission and work are rooted in the lived experience of our founding members and their families whose lives have been impacted by colonial systems of oppression. As such, we are committed to remaining embedded in the needs of those most vulnerable by uplifting leadership from communities of color.

Eric Chapman
Artistic Director

Pierre Arreola
Executive Director

Lorenzo Chapman
Creative Director

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A Year in Review



January

Love is Love Virtual Festival
VNR Anti-Racism Consultation
UCLA Dance Team Presentation

March

Flava of the Month: Online
Educare LAUSD Talent Show
Winter/Spring Season Ends

May

Green Together Event
NESFV Recovery Roundtable

July

Youth Mental Health First Aid
Canoga Park Arts Pop Up
BBoy Summit

September

ACE Community Car Show
Internship Program Ends

November

GR818ERSgiving
CP Dia de los Muertos Festival
Freestlye Session XXIV

February

UNITE Workshop Series
Winter/Spring Season Begins
Internship Program Begins

April

Art in Motion: Online
Adelante Mujer Latina Conference
Pacoima Beautiful Earth Day Event

June

Tutcint Youth Presentation
Summer Season Begins

August

A Family Affair 11
Graff Yard Boogie 11
Summer Season Ends

October

Sheldon Skate Park Cleanup
Fall/Winter Season Begins

December

Flava of the Year 11
Fall/Winter Season Ends



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By The Numbers

**15,000+
Virtual Event
Viewers**

**50+
In-Person
Program
Participants**

**10,000+
Followers on
Instagram**

**380+
Hours of
Arts/Athletic
Instruction**

**1000%
Increase in
Revenue**

**2000+
Live Event
Attendees**

**300+
Individual
Donors**

**6 Youth
Interns**

**50+ Artists
Contracted**

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**Donors:
Grant
Funders**

**California
Community
Foundation**

**California
Arts
Council**

**Sierra Health
Foundation**

**City of
Los Angeles**

**Los Angeles
Education
Partnership/
Northeast Valley
Best Start**

**Water
Buffalo
Club**

**County of
Los Angeles**

**United
Latinx Fund**

**California
Humanities**

**Los Angeles
Regional
Reentry
Partnership**

**State of
California**

**Versa-Style:
Performance
Education
Community**

Donors: Individuals



Cottonwood Urban Farm
Shez Rahman
Virginia Sandoval
Alex Flores
Flavio Chacon
Cynthia Hernandez
Jesus Castellanos
Audrey Tseng
Victoria Cruz
Anthony Lee
Maya K-a
Aiyah Josiah-Faeduwor
Karen Hernandez
Monika Mehta
Jaclyn Licht
Kevin Nam
Teresa Jimenez
Kevin Taylor
Joe Edrozo
Bianette Linares
Helen Tran
Daniel Norwood
Elizabeth Quintero
MOBHQ
Jack "Wildchild" Brown
Tia Christopher
H Broersma
Jan Holek
Brandon Juezan
O.Z.
Walter Garcia
Ivonne Paulino
Romi Valenti

Claudia Delgadillo
Judith Jimenez
Mark Patterson
Manuel Fernandez
Kevin Yu
J Sai
Stephanie Dudley
Richard Martinez
Alexis Elazegui
Rikesh Lal
Peter Francis
Daniela Welsh
Geoffrey Hussin
Lily Breeze
Dianira Antunez
Julio Saran
Bryan Saran
Christina Lim
Cori Racela
Alexis Saenz
Vibren Rathman
Alicia Arellano-Perez
Philip Kuon
Diana Avendano
Melanie Burgos
Melissa Sanvicente
Dyana Roldan
Gilbert Raj Quiros
Bo Spencer
Mikey Disco
Nuria Beltran Fernandez
Nicole Mae Martin
Jennifer Miller

Cassandra Appleby
Gigi Garcia
Marina Stankov-Hodge
Lucas Rivera
Samantha Aguilar
Andres Ontiveros
Cristian Benjumea
Luis Maravilla Sanchez
Kian Khiaban
Hirari Watanabe
Kiichi Narumi
Crystal Jackson
Marie Bonnevey
Andres Villegas
Chen
Ryan Alvarez
Sidney Kushner
Lesley Yadon, LLC
Yadon
Taylor Lomba
Mike Hummer
敦子 大友
Jose Flores
Miroslav Olšovský
Nick Dounghpanya
Anthony Berry
Theo Tran
Dante Rose
Jojo Vandereb
Catherine Coddington
Luis Marquez
Greg Beman
Lacy Wright

Shannon Hafez
Lindsay Ducos
Hour|Mo'bass Musik
Anthony Campbell
Jay Baidoo
Dangelo Boothe
Melba Gilkey
Yudithh Sepulveda
Oluwatoyin Sogunro
Ricardo Salazar
Noemi Martinez
Elisa Neaves
Levi Ponce
Lilian Ortega
Jalene Romana
Kirstie Beck
KK Parman
Arianna Kocabay
Celia Duran
Juliette Martinez
Sun Kim
David Kim
Huy Vuong
Harry Weston
S.C.
Grim Boogie
Andres Sobalvarro
Mia Berber
Ninette Ayala
Isaiah Adams
Danzel Thompson
Aryeal Lands
Brandon Clarke
Elizabeth Setzer
Jovahna Solalindez Rivas
Al Ang
Juliette Martinez
Tyrese Starling
Hector Nieto
Taevion Saleh
Victoria Ayad
Brian E Alfonso
Colichon
Aubrey Mamaid

Nicholas Gott
Kristen Willis
Alexis Elazegui
Sherilyn Sandavol
Erik Tomas Valero Gonzalez
Cassin Muramoto
William Luetkehans
Chris
Rebekah Garcia
Alex Banag
Danny Jimenez
Alfred Perea
Koncept
Benjamin Donner
Pierre Ivan Arreola
Rosa Aguilar
Vanessa Reyes
Sara Di Gravio
Andrea Garcia
Lawson Le
Maria Jimenez
Zuce Morales
Michelle Soto
Ella Hushagen
Tony La
Samantha Shepherd
Mike Song
Adrian Miramontes
Troy Romana
Alma Montenegro
Maya Zellman
Melissa Gutierrez
Joshua Baysa
Nelly Munoz
Connor McGuire
Joshua Perkins
Ernesto Galarza
O'Lick Maknox
Karolyn Blancas
Teresa Retana
Michelle Benavides
Marie Sheehan
Dionele Jakubow
Eric James

David Wark
Richard Pak
Johnathan Lawrence
Youki Terukina
Gold GRRL
Konstanin Kim
Carlos Gonzalez
Garay Toshi
Takanashi Tan Keong
Aaron Harper
WiJaya Soewito-Martin
Artem Tcivirko
Adrian Miramontes
Gene Vilorio
Sam Seo
Garrett Lee
Kristen Fujitaki
Anthony Lee Alonzo
Taylor Swift
Yolie Anguiano
Juan Meraz
Sarah Rodriguez
K Ceja
Salma Morales
Beto
Aaron Gilbert
Cuong Tran
Funk in Focus
Dimitrios Papalexis
Iris Garcia
Melissa Wiesner
Aaron Harper
Kristin Hansen
Steve Henao
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Lyann Nakama
Raquel Martinez
Karen Perez
Amber Alonso
Koheil Shihara
Jean-Edouard Pierre-Toussaint
Vahid Khorsand
Xochitl Medrano
Frank Lu
Cindy Dou
Jennifer Davis
Alina Santiago

Luis Marquez
Greg Beman
Lacy Wright
Erica Liepmann
Fabian Pacheco
Deborah Lopez
Julissa Rodriguez
Rodrigo Martinez
Joyce Muchan
Jeremy Saraie
Desrae Johnson
Tony Ayala
Ellen Bridle
Margo Rowder
Loraine Lundquist
Jason Potell
Eric Chapman
Foundations Choreography
Walter Gutzman
Andrea Longoria Lopez
Angelica Flores
Monique MacGregor
Elizabeth Rodriguez
David Diaz
Leann Chapman
Jonathan Adrino Vela
Andrea Gonzalez
Elizabeth Goldenberg
Ismael Castorena Jr.
Eric Hines
Alvin Desir
Halyard Freyder
Risa Morales
Haley Biggs
Josiyah Maes
Sheryl Thompson
Edna Sorto
Michael Menjivar
Oscar Pelayo
Avi Goldstein
Cameron Cabico
Taevion Saleh
Sam Park
Janelle Perez

Vincent Dominguez
Lewis Tregaro
Alfred Zerna
Kevin Rodriguez
Marcos Sanchez
Brandon Munoz
Ryan Kuromiya-Hsu
Kevin Fields
Zane Atkinson
Tyler Singletary
Wyatt Garrett
Leo Flores
Hyung Seok Ha
Hailey Summers
Kirk Vilorio
Elisa Neaves
Shantel Urena
Victoria Villamil
Jorge Coria
Cassandra J. Tsolis
Versa-Style Dance Company
Miles Basurto
Yuisa Gimeno
Endless Summer Mobile Detailing
Adylenne Solis
Erica Liepmann

