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### **Tualatin Valley Creates Seeks Washington County Artists for Unique Arts and Culture Leadership Incubator Program**

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*The 2020/21 Faculty Team represents creative industry leaders from throughout the PNW. Clockwise from top left: Shin Yu Pai, Julian Saporiti, Kristin Solomon, and Erica Thomas. Learn more about the Faculty Team on the TVC website.*

**(Beaverton, OR)** – Tualatin Valley Creates (TVC) is excited to launch the second year of its Arts and Culture Leadership Incubator program <<https://tvcreates.org/incubator-about/>>. The program is open to artists and cultural advocates residing in Washington County, OR. The Incubator Program is free to apply to and participate in, and graduates will receive a \$500 stipend to advance their work. Applicants should have a passion for building creative projects that incorporate social activism.

TVC's unique Leadership Incubator program bridges a critical opportunity gap in Washington County, where residents have less access to arts and culture services and experiences compared to other urban areas around the state. TVC has assembled a strong, diverse Faculty Team <<https://tvcreates.org/incubator-faculty-2021/>> of four regional arts and culture leaders to provide 1-on-1 mentorship to participants.

Small, intensive skill-building workshops, led by Faculty Members and guest speakers, will cover topics ranging from the business aspects of being an artist to challenging methodologies around what it takes to be a community leader. Participants create lasting connections during the program through peer networking, learning, and a focused collaboration on community activism.

Those interested must complete and submit the application on the TVC website <<https://tvcreates.org/incubator-applications/>> **by December 1, 2020**. Everyone is welcome to apply. Artists from underserved communities, including (but not limited to) rural communities and communities of color, as well as artists with disabilities, are especially encouraged to apply.

This program is made possible through the support of community partners, including The Collins Foundation, The Oregon Community Foundation, Oregon Cultural Trust, and Washington County, Oregon.

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#### **About Tualatin Valley Creates**

Tualatin Valley Creates is the leading arts service organization for Washington County, Oregon. TVC drives the development of inclusive, resilient, creative communities using arts, culture, heritage, and humanities by increasing visibility for community engagement opportunities and by bridging resources needed to support people working in the local creative industries. To learn more, visit [www.tvcreates.org](http://www.tvcreates.org).