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For immediate release**Tualatin Valley Creates Presents:
The Arts & Culture Leadership Incubator Digital Showcase
May 31- June 4, 2021**Photos supplied by
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Caption:
The 2020/21 Faculty Team represents creative 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 announce the 2nd annual Arts & Culture Leadership Incubator Digital Showcase, *Creativity at Work* happening May 31 thru June 4. The showcase highlights the Incubator participant's projects and learnings over the last six months of engagement. The nine participants in the 2020-21 cohort are Lyndsey Blythe, Jamie Cormier, Kameron Messmer, Alicia Moya-Méndez, Lynnette Oostmeyer, Joseph Nguyen, Justin Rueff, Shelby Silver, and Debra Tappendorf. Every day starting May 31, new work will be released at <https://tvcreates.org/incubator/showcase-2021/>.

The showcase is a digital exhibition of a range of mediums from soundscapes to a glimpse of art installations and ecological works-in-progress to come. Three examples of the participants' work include Shelby Silver, who focuses on marine conservation, ecological rehabilitation, and social justice. The collaborative team of Joseph Nguyen and Alicia Moya-Méndez offer a playground design with scientific concepts. Kameron Messmer's mind and heart-expanding sculptures serve as much needed interventions of joy in these heavy and difficult times.

Beginning in January 2021 with a workshop on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, the cohort met twice monthly in four-hour Zoom sessions to engage with each other and topics ranging from the business aspects of being an artist to challenging methodologies around what it takes to be an arts leader. Participants created lasting connections during the program through peer networking, learning, and a focused collaboration on community activism.

These small, intensive skill-building workshops, led by Faculty Members and guest speakers. The Faculty Team consists of Shin Yu Pai, Erica Meryl Thomas, Julian Saporiti, and Kristin Solomon, who provided regional arts and culture leadership with 1-on-1 mentorship and further encouragement to the participants.

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

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Make sure to follow TVC's hashtag #tvcreates on social media for updates about the Digital Showcase!

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.

About TVCs' Arts & Culture Leadership Incubator

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. Artists from underserved communities, including (but not limited to) rural communities and communities of color, as well as artists with disabilities, were especially encouraged to apply. To learn more about this year's Incubator, visit <https://tvcreates.org/incubator/>.