

LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE



Friends, family, and fellow lovers of the arts,

Welcome to the first edition of **The Light Dispatch**.

You are receiving this email because you either signed up for The Shared Light Collective's newsletter via our [website](#) or our [interest form](#), or because you joined us for our production of *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* at Hatch Workshop last year.

If you attended *Rocky Horror*, thank you again for being part of such a foundational experience for our collective and our community. If you'd like to stay connected, please sign up via our newsletter form on the front page of our [website](#)!

Over the past year, we've spent time dreaming, planning, producing, collaborating, and asking ourselves an important question:

“What kind of artistic community do we want to help create?”

We believe art has the power to connect people, spark conversations, express emotion, celebrate cultures, and create belonging. We believe that every community is richer when more voices are invited into the creative process.

This newsletter will serve as a way to share what the Collective has been working on, to keep you in the know, and give you the first opportunities as they arise to collaborate on projects with our organization.



Don't Dream It, Be It

Last October, The Shared Light Collective formed to execute a project we were all passionate about: a completely DIY production of *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*. This production was put on at The Hatch Workshop in downtown Stockton for two nights, and was a labor of love for everyone involved.

Our cast and crew poured their hearts into this show. We cannot thank them enough for their flexibility, talent, and creativity that made this show what it was.

More than anything, *Rocky Horror* showed us what can happen when a group of people support each other to create freely. It made us want to keep doing exactly that.

What We've Been Up To Since

Behind the scenes, we've been doing a lot of the less glamorous but necessary work of turning our ideas into an organization.

We officially received our 501(c)(3) status, opening doors to creating so much more as we move forward. We also created a website and fresh branding, and established titles and roles for each member of our board.

[Learn more about the members of our board on our website!](#)

Featuring our headshots done in-house by our very own Paris Allen 😊 Click on a board member's name to read an in-depth bio.

What's Next

We have SO MANY exciting ideas to share with you all, and we would like to do so in-person with as many of you as possible.



The Shared Light Collective's ***Birthday Party!***

SAVE THE DATE **October 25th**

The Shared Light Collective is hosting our first annual fundraiser! Featuring **live local music**, **networking for creatives**, **fundraising for our non-profit**, and exciting **announcements about what's to come** for the Collective.

More details to come!

To Our Community

Thank you so much for your support, patience, and generosity with your creativity over this past year. Whether you joined us for *Rocky Horror*, filled out an interest form, shared one of our posts, talked about us with a friend, or even just stuck around to see what we would do next - it means more to us than we can say!

Building stuff takes time. This past year has been filled with learning how to turn a group of people with a lot of ideas and shared love for the arts into an organization that can actually bring those ideas to life. We're so so grateful to everyone who has given us the space to blossom.

The Shared Light Collective at this time is run entirely by volunteers, which means that everything you see from us is being built in the free time of our everyday lives. Between jobs, school, families, rehearsals, and everything else that fills our days.

We know the artists, creatives, and community members we hope to serve are often creating in the margins of their lives as well.

Thank you for taking time out of your busy lives to gather in support of the arts along with us.

We're so glad you're here. We can't wait to show you what's next!

Share the light,



the collective xx

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People**

Bringing artistic
opportunities to low
income areas

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barriers of entry

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