



Panel Meeting #5

Artist Input Summary

May 22, 2025

Tailored and Adaptable

- Serves different programming needs and types
- Tailored for different age ranges
 - Intergenerational community-building
 - Mental and physical wellbeing of older adults
 - Youth mentoring, gathering, “chilling” (reminiscent of The Allen Theater, LACMA Jazz Nights)

Affordable

- Low-cost to free access to programming for residents, below-market rent studio space for working artists

Accessible

- Parking spaces, gender inclusive restrooms, bilingual materials

Safe

- Lighting
- Promote a safe and welcoming environment for all, including our immigrant community

Permanent space

- Available to SELA arts and culture organizations who currently do not have any space
- Recurring cultural events and celebrations hosted by SELA arts and culture organizations who currently find locations on as-needed basis
- Supports collaboration, information-sharing across organizations, mental/physical wellbeing
- Promote a people-centered atmosphere
- Recreation, gardening, sports, play in outdoor spaces

Funding

- Long-term, sustained funding, funding opportunities (e.g. grants)
- Cultural Center as a fiscal sponsor.
- Financial resources for materials, staff salaries, grant writing
- Funding for artists to apply, access, and use for events, projects, etc.
- Remove bureaucratic barriers to paying artists, teachers, performers, etc.
- Sponsorship should not limit what can or can't be done on site.

Administrative Support

- Resources to streamline venue application, permitting, ticketing, etc.
- Ensure that the ability to participate is easy (“signing up for an arts class shouldn’t feel like signing up for a community college course”)

Staffing and Governance

- Robust community engagement and representation during decision-making
- Staff with SELA residents, artists, etc. at all levels
- Generate jobs for residents in the region
- Hiring and pay transparency (livable wages, benefits)
- Meaningful professional development and growth opportunities for staff
- Partnerships with SELA local businesses / independent business owners

Professional Development

- Workshops, seminars, classes, etc.
- Contract negotiation and administration
- Networking

Sustainability

- Integrate circularity whenever possible
- Art supplies swap
- Sustainable building materials

Awareness and Education

- Demonstrate to families the creative economy is legitimate industry
 - Training opportunities
 - Paid internships

Film Production

- Access to studio space
- Streamline access to space, equipment, software, etc.
- Host a SELA Film Festival
- Grow a generation of SELA filmmakers
- Bridge connections for local and international filmmakers

Fashion

- Mending, repair, sewing, courses
- Host local fashion shows

Music Production

- Equipment and instruments
- Production and teaching spaces
- Low cost or free band practice room rental spaces

Dance

- Folklorico and other cultural forms of movement
- Workshops that accommodate a variety of ages and mobilities

Visual Arts

- Life drawing classes
- Mural and public art painting project support and teaching
- Rotating exhibits that feature a breadth of SELA artists and mediums

Performances

- Create opportunities for big-name performers to put on shows in intimate ways
- Get the SELA community excited about coming to the Cultural Center (“every weekend there is something happening”)

Studios

- Teaching, workshop, office
- Drawing classes v. film soundstages
- Below-market rent studio space for working artists