



Connecting Californians
Finding the Art of Community Change
An Inquiry into the role of story in strengthening communities

Appendix B

Brief Descriptions of Projects Represented on Maps

This is an alphabetical listing of the counties in California and an example of one way each of them has used performance of local stories for community building in the last ten years. In each county, I sought one original play/performance piece based on stories about California life, produced in the past 5 or 10 years. Qualities I looked for included: original, collectively created, community building, bridge building, community engaging, and focus on sense of place and about California life and history....

LAKE COUNTY

Title: Diversity Dance Workshop
When: March 16, 1997
Organized by: Lake County Arts Council
Performed by: Diversity Dance Workshop
Where: California National Guard Armory, Lakeport
Style: Musical theater
Representation: Youth
Impact: Increasing Engagement and Dialogue

Description: This event was so popular, it sparked an effort by the local community to set up its own issues-oriented youth dance-theater company. Lake County Arts Council presented Diversity Dance Workshop, an international touring company of young people ages 17-20 who do musical theater works on the themes of unity, gender equity, poverty, substance abuse and the appreciation of diversity. There was a question-and-answer period for children after the sold-out show. The arts council hopes to bring the company back again with Diversity's new "Youthquake" workshops in the schools, to help the local community start its own youth company.

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