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### **CLARA Reaches 100% Capacity with Capitol INDIE Collective**

JUNE 27, 2016 – CLARA welcomes Capitol INDIE Collective, an multi-disciplinary arts non-profit, to its diverse arts and cultural community on July 1.

“Capitol INDIE Collective is a great resource for Sacramento's digital media and Indie film community. An enhancement to our partnership with Sacramento Unified School District, the organization offers increased exposure for our region’s students,” said Megan Wygant, CLARA Executive Director. “With projects such as SacCirque, Sacramento Asian Pacific Film Festival, #DYSPHORIA Project, and many others, this work is a great example of creative collisions CLARA hopes to foster in Sacramento and beyond.”

As Capitol INDIE Collective continues to develop infrastructure for the region's digital media arts, their newest endeavor, an interactive fundraiser for community art projects called "ARTsoup," will be launched at CLARA in July, as part of Midtown's Second Saturday programming.

"The move to CLARA marks an important next step in Capitol INDIE Collective's evolution," said Christina Marie, Capitol INDIE Collective's founder and executive director. "CLARA provides us with a consistent and unique gathering place for our community allowing us to roll out important new initiatives, like a dedicated class schedule, an expanded "Media Mentoring" program, and enhanced digital-media-arts education to local public schools via our new INDIEbus. We look forward to partnering with and supporting the other tenants of CLARA with digital media as we all work to raise the vitality of the arts in Sacramento."

Capitol INDIE Collective joins the Sacramento Ballet, Sacramento Preparatory Music Academy, McKeever School of Irish Dance, Capital Stage, Brazilian Center for Cultural Exchange, and Alliance Française. The final space in the building, a prospective café, is currently under negotiation.

#### **ABOUT CLARA**

CLARA provides studios for both professional and community-based arts groups and a place for creative collisions and collaborations. Students in Sacramento City Unified School District have access to arts summer camps, internships, tickets and scholarships fostering interaction with professional artists in a studio environment. Classes and performances offered daily. Housed at the historic Fremont School in Midtown Sacramento, CLARA was funded by grants from the City of Sacramento and private donations, including the Raley-Teel family. It was named using a combination of Joyce Raley Teel’s mother’s name, Claire, and the Raley surname. For more information, visit [claramidtown.com](http://claramidtown.com).

#### **ABOUT CAPITOL INDIE COLLECTIVE**

Capitol INDIE Collective, Inc (501c3) is a non-profit organization that helps artists become entrepreneurs. Their mission is to provide education and a platform for independent artists to be inspired, practice their art form, and deliver compelling works of art making impact with personal meaning and social relevance from several different disciplines, backgrounds, and demographics in a stimulating and nurturing environment. For more information, visit [capitolindiecollective.com](http://capitolindiecollective.com)

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