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Amplifying the Arts

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With live performances cancelled and collaborations at a halt this past spring/summer, the Riverside Unified School District created a unique experience for performing arts students to join in a partnership project with the community. Through a series of twenty-five episodes, students, teachers, principals, board members, and professional theater and community arts members created engaging dramatic readings of Lewis Carroll's *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. Visual arts and music students also contributed by providing drawings and original music for the videos. Community partners included Sharron Lewis (Empower You Edutainment), Louisa Higgins (Administrator, Visual and Performing Arts, Riverside County Office of Education), Margie Haupt (Arts and Cultural Affairs Division, City of Riverside), Patrick Brien (Executive Director, Riverside Arts Council), Michelle Grotness (Board Member & Director, Riverside Community Players), Alastair Edmonstone (Music Director for the Opera Program, California State University, San Bernardino), and Kathy Ervin & Rick Hoglund (Theater Program, California State University, San Bernardino). The videos were released daily throughout the month of July to the community and received tens of thousands of views on YouTube and Facebook. This wonderful project is the creation of Riverside Unified School District's Arts Coordinator, Annemarie Guzy. She can be reached at aguzy@riversideunified.org. The Riverside Unified School District is grateful for its collaborative partners and incredibly creative students and staff who participated in the project!

Here is a video that showcases a few highlights for this project.

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