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This online newsletter from the Arts Learning Department at the Arizona Commission on the Arts intends to provide you with current, important information from the Arts Learning and Teaching Artist fields and to support vital, substantive arts learning throughout the state. We look forward to serving your arts learning interests and needs.

April stART Events

Designed to bring teaching artists, educators, arts specialists, District Arts Coordinators, social service organizations, local arts organizations and presenters together in their own community, **stART** events offer professional development, networking opportunities, and resource building for arts learning professionals.

**April 7-8, 2011 in Nogales, AZ**

stART Learning: Building Better Practices, presented by Young Audiences of Santa Cruz County
stART Learning: VSA Universal Design for Learning, presented by VSA Arizona

April 15, 2011 in Yuma, AZ

Leadership Forum: Arts and Culture Education Managers
stART Connecting: Networking Opportunity

For details and registration, visit

<http://www.azarts.gov/opportunities-events/presentations-and-workshops/>.

stART events are part of the Building an Artistic Future for Arizona community workshop series. For more information, see *Upcoming Workshops*.

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The Choice is Art

The Arts Commission launched a four-year promotional campaign for the arts earlier this year. The campaign, titled *The Choice is Art*, is meant to:

- Advance the cultural conversation in Arizona,
- Grow public understanding about the broad-spectrum benefits of arts programs and increase arts participation in Arizona communities, and
- Fortify a privately-held arts endowment whose funds can be utilized in support of statewide arts programs. This endowment, Arizona ArtShare, was established in 1996

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and is held by the Arizona Community Foundation.

We invite you to help spread the word about the value and impact of the arts in our state. Here's what you can do.

- Place a campaign image in your program.
- Include a campaign image in your print or online newsletter.
- Post a campaign web icon on your site or blog, and link to www.thechoiceisart.org.
- Help us spread the word; share with your audiences the impact the arts have on our state, and how they help our children make the right choice.

Visit the campaign website, www.thechoiceisart.org. In the Campaign Toolkit at the bottom of the support page (<http://www.azarts.gov/the-choice-is-art/support/>), you will find copy-ready ad images, web icons and sample newsletter text. Stacey Wong, Public Relations Coordinator can assist you with customization. Contact Stacey at swong@azarts.gov or 602-771-6527.

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2011 Arizona Poetry Out Loud State Champion Announced

Steffi McNerney, a senior at St. Gregory College Preparatory High School in Tucson, was selected as the winner of the sixth annual Arizona *Poetry Out Loud* State Finals. The competition, held on March 16, 2011, recognizes one high school competitor to represent Arizona in the National *Poetry Out Loud* competition, presented by the National Endowment for the Arts and The Poetry Foundation, in Washington D.C., April 27-29, 2011. Broadcast partner Eight, Arizona PBS hosted the State Finals in their studio.

Don't miss the broadcast of the event on Channel 8, Tuesday, April 12, 2011, at 7:30pm!



<http://www.azarts.gov/news-resources/press/arizona-high-school-student-to-compete-in-national-poetry-out-loud-recitation-contest-2/>

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30th Anniversary Governor's Arts Awards

Presented by Arizona Citizens for the Arts, the Arizona Commission on the Arts and the Office of the Governor, the Arizona Governor's Arts Awards, the largest annual statewide gathering of arts and culture supporters, recognizes extraordinary contributions of artists, arts organizations, businesses, educators and individuals to the quality of life in our state. This year's event will take place **Tuesday, April 12, 2011** at the Herberger Theater Center; for tickets and more information, visit <http://www.governorsartsawards.org/>.

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Awards

AzCASE Now Accepting Nominations for Afterschool Excellence Awards

DEADLINE: June 15, 2011

The Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence announces that nominations are now open for the annual Awards of Excellence, recognizing afterschool staff, programs and leaders throughout the state of Arizona for their exemplary work in delivering quality child development programs in afterschool settings. Nominations are being accepted in three categories: Individual, Program, & Leadership.

<http://azafterschool.org/Events/Awards-of-Excellence-Luncheon.aspx>

Arizona Dance Education Organization (AzDEO) Honors Dance Educator

AzDEO has awarded the 2011 Katherine Lindholm Lane Arizona Dance Educator of the Year Award to Kristen Little. Kristen received her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from ASU and her Master's degree in Secondary Education from NAU. Kristen has danced professionally with Desert Dance Theater and Grounding Point Dance Company, and since 1993, has been the director of the dance program and creator of the Euporea Dance Company at Mesa High. Given in honor of Katherine Lindholm Lane and her dedication and contributions to Dance Education in Arizona, this award was established by AzDEO and the faculty of the Arizona State University Department of Dance. It is awarded to dance educators who support and contribute to the larger dance education community, inspire students and colleagues, and advocate for quality dance education and the arts.

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Upcoming Workshops

Building An Artistic Future for Arizona

Guest presenters and staff of the Arizona Commission on the Arts are currently moving around the state to facilitate the Building an Artistic Future for Arizona community workshop series. This series of workshops includes a variety of offerings for artists, arts administrators, teaching artists, arts educators, arts advocates and more.

April Workshops:

April 7-8, 2011 in Nogales, AZ

April 14-15, 2011 in Yuma, AZ

For details and registration, visit <http://www.azarts.gov/news-resources/news/community-workshops-february-and-beyond/>.

Arts Education Partnership Spring 2011 National Forum May 6-7, 2011, Washington D.C.

EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: April 22, 2011

AEP's Spring 2011 National Forum, Picturing a Complete Education, will convene arts education organizations and offer insights into the issues, themes and trends affecting arts education in public education. For registration and more information, visit:

<http://www.aep-arts.org/forums/DC2011.htm>

Global Learning Studio: Arts based approaches to develop understanding across disciplines

June 20-24, 2011, London

Presented by Dr. Lois Hetland, Peter Lutkoski and Dr. Alison Marshall, the Global Learning Studio is an international professional development opportunity for classroom teachers,

museum educators, arts specialists, curriculum leaders, administrators, and teaching artists from schools and community-based arts organizations. During five days in London, the symposium uses arts-based tools and approaches to develop thinking and understanding in arts and non-arts disciplines. For registration and more information, visit:

<http://www.asl.org/institute>

Kennedy Center's Arts Integration Conference: Exploring an Approach to Teaching

June 27-29, 2011

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: April 15, 2011

For arts organization staff, teaching artists, teachers, principals, and school district administrators, the Kennedy Center's 2011 conference explores the "how" of arts integration, rooted in the Kennedy Center's 30 years of experience in professional learning for teachers, and provides many strategies that can make arts integration a part of every teacher's approach to teaching.

<http://www.kennedy-center.org/education/ceta/conference.html>

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Opportunities

Free Arts of Arizona: Preventing Child Abuse - *one day at a time!*

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time to raise awareness and take action to support our children and families. Wondering how can you help *one day at a time*? Take a look at Free Arts of Arizona's Child Abuse Prevention Campaign [calendar of events](#) and support the cause in your community. On April 7, 2011, Free Arts of Arizona is partnering with the Child Abuse Prevention & Awareness Coalition to advocate and show support alongside other community organizations to children and families who have been victims of abuse, in hopes of putting an end to the cycle in the future. This event will take place at the Arizona State Capitol from 10 am - 1 pm; participate in games, booths, experience advocacy first hand, and stand up to abuse. More information available at:

www.freeartsaz.org / 602-258-8100

Voices of Afterschool Centennial Writing Project

The Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence is proud to announce the 2011 Voices of Afterschool: Arizona Centennial Writing Project celebrating Arizona's 100th birthday with a compilation of essays written by youth in Arizona afterschool programs. Youth in grades K-12 participating in Arizona's afterschool programs are encouraged to submit a short essay; 100 essays representing a diversity of youth views and perceptions across the state will be selected for inclusion in a published piece. Register online to participate and view guidelines, submission details and Arizona resources at:

<http://www.afterschool.org/voices.aspx>

FOR STUDENTS:

VSA Playwright Discovery Program

The VSA arts Playwright Discovery Program invites middle and high school students to examine how disability affects their lives and the lives of others. Playwrights may write about their own experiences or the experiences of another person or fictional character. Young playwrights with or without disabilities are encouraged to apply. The selected script will be professionally staged and produced at The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. The award recipient will receive up to \$2,000 and a trip to Washington, D.C. to view the winning script as it is performed onstage.

<http://www.vsarts.org/x244.xml>

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Funding

Grants from the National Endowment for the Arts

DEADLINE: Multiple

The National Endowment for the Arts has posted the next round of grant application guidelines at <http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/>. To make organizations aware of the changes to category deadlines, application requirements and review criteria under the new Art Works guidelines, the NEA has posted an overview presentation at <http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/GAP-presentation.html>.

Academic Enrichment Grants for Educators

DEADLINE: April 15, 2011

The McCarthy Dressman Education Foundation provides funding for programs that nurture the intellectual, artistic and creative abilities of children from low-income households. K-12 educators employed by schools or nonprofits who work with low-income students are eligible to apply. <http://www.mccartheydressman.org/academic.html>

Youth Literacy Grants

DEADLINE: May 18, 2011

Dollar General Literacy Foundation Youth Literacy Grants provide funding to schools, public libraries, and nonprofit organizations to help students who are below grade level or experiencing difficulty reading. Visit the website for more information regarding eligibility and application guidelines. http://www.dollargeneral.com/dgliteracy/Pages/youth_grants.aspx

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