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Arts Learning Newsletter

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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.

Arizona Art Tank and Community Catalyst Deadline Approaching

Thanks to successful bipartisan efforts at the State legislature, the Arts Commission received a one-time budget allocation of an additional \$1 million for fiscal year 2014. This landmark funding was applied to the Arts Commission's statewide grantmaking activities, including the development of two new and innovative programs: Community Catalyst Grants and Arizona Art Tank.

Community Catalyst Grants support partnerships between arts and non-arts organizations in small and rural Arizona communities, working together on arts-based projects or programming to deliver mutually-beneficial community outcomes.

Arizona Art Tank makes strategic investments in Arizona's best arts-based entrepreneurial ventures, including those initiated by schools, educators or teaching artists.

The application deadline for both programs is December 10, 2013. Download the application guidelines and learn more at <http://www.azarts.gov/grants/special-initiatives/>.

Awards

**2014 Governor's Arts Awards
NOMINATION DEADLINE: December 6, 2013**

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Arizona Citizens for the Arts is now accepting nominations for the 2014 Governor's Arts Awards in the following categories: Artist, Arts in Education (Individual), Arts in Education (Organization), Business, Community, and Individual. These awards seek to recognize distinguished Arizona artists, arts organizations, businesses, educators, and organizations. Nominations are open to the public. Honorees will be announced at the awards event on March 25, 2014.

<http://www.governorsartsawards.org/>

Inspirational Teacher Awards

NOMINATION DEADLINE: December 15, 2013

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2014 Kennedy Center/Stephen Sondheim Inspirational Teacher Awards – a series of annual \$10,000 grants that recognize inspiring teachers across the United States. Nominees must be legal residents of the U.S. who currently teach or have taught in a K-12 school, college, or university in the U.S.

<http://www.kennedy-center.org/programs/awards/sondheim/>

Arts Entrepreneurship Awards

NOMINATION DEADLINE: December 22, 2013

Fractured Atlas is now accepting nominations for the 1st Annual Arts Entrepreneurship Awards, which will honor individuals and organizations who have innovated new business practices or paradigms and/or developed novel solutions to old problems.

<http://www.fracturedatlas.org/site/blog/2013/-11/25/announcing-the-arts-entrepreneurship-awards-and-call-for-nominations>

Scholastic Art & Writing Awards

DEADLINE: January 6, 2014

Since 1923, the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards have been an important opportunity for students to be recognized for their creative talents. Submissions are judged by luminaries in the visual and literary arts, searching for works that best exemplify originality, technical skill, and the emergence of a personal voice or vision. Teens in grades 7 through 12 can apply in 28 categories of art and writing for the chance to earn scholarships and have their works exhibited or published.

<http://www.artandwriting.org/>

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Media Coverage

Balancing the Art and Science of Education

<http://smartblogs.com/education/2013/11/25/balancing-the-art-and-science-of-education/>

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Current Research

Music Training Sharpens Brain Pathways, Studies Say

<http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles-/2013/11/25/13music.h33.html>

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Opportunities

Family Days at the UA Poetry Center

December 7, 2013 | 10:00am - 1:00pm

During this open house for youth of all ages and their families, the Center's stacks of world-renowned poetry are overrun with youth writing, local music, games, bookmaking workshops, bilingual story times, creative movement, and other poem-happenings that inspire youth to explore their world through language.

<http://poetry.arizona.edu/k-12/family-days>

Call for Entries: 'Sky Islands' Exhibition

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: December 20, 2013

Tohono Chul invites regional artists to submit 2- or 3-dimensional artworks inspired by one or more of the mountain ranges of southeastern Arizona.

http://www.tohonochulpark.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Sky-Islands_Call-for-Entries.pdf

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Advocacy

2014 Arizona Arts Congress

February 5, 2014

Arizona State Capitol

Presented by the Arizona Citizens for the Arts, Arts Congress is an opportunity for arts and arts education supporters to celebrate arts and culture in Arizona and

Speak directly with their elected officials about the impact and benefits of public funding for the arts.

<https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=975142>

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Funding

US Artists International Grants

DEADLINE: December 6, 2013

The USAI grants, through the Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation, are available to American dance, music, and theatre ensembles and solo performers that have been invited to perform at significant international festivals anywhere in the world outside of the United States and its territories.

http://www.midatlanticarts.org/funding/pat_presentation/-us_artists/USAI%20FY14%20Guidelines%20FINAL.pdf

MetLife Foundation Creativity and Aging Technical Assistance Grant

DEADLINE: December 13, 2013

Technical Assistance Grants provide \$5,000 in support to help organizations develop an arts and aging program in one of three areas: Lifelong Learning, Health and Wellness, and Community Engagement. Eligible applicants must be 501(c)3 non-profit organizations, have an annual organizational budget of at least \$150,000 and be a current member of the National Center for Creative Aging.

<http://www.creativeaging.org/programs-people/metlife-initiative/metlife-foundation-creativity-and-aging-technical-assistance>

Fast-Track Grants for Professional Development

DEADLINE: January 24, 2014

The Arizona Commission on the Arts offers Professional Development Grants of up to \$750 to assist individual artists, arts administrators and art educators of all levels and disciplines with expenses associated with attendance at local, national and international conferences, seminars, workshops and other such skill building activities.

<http://www.azarts.gov/grants/fast-track-grants/>

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