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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.

Arts Learning Grant Guidelines Now Available

Arizona Commission on the Arts Grants to Organizations and Schools

DEADLINE: March 20, 2014

The Arts Commission provides a variety of funding opportunities that enable schools, organizations and community groups to carry out projects and to maintain ongoing, high quality public arts programming. Guidelines for Arts Learning Grants, Festival Grants, and Community Investment Grants can be found on the Arts Commission's website.

<http://www.azarts.gov/grants/organizations-and-schools/guides/>

To learn more about the grant application process, you can sign up for one of three upcoming online information sessions at

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

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Awards

National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Awards

APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 10, 2014

The President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Institute of Museum and Library Services is accepting applications for eligible organizations that celebrate the creativity of America's young people, particularly those from underserved communities. This award recognizes and supports excellence in programs that open new pathways to learning, self-discovery, and achievement.

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

Vans Custom Culture Art Competition

DEADLINE: February 14, 2014

The Vans Custom Culture art competition inspires high school students across the United States to embrace their creativity while raising awareness for the importance of art programs in our schools. Custom Culture invites art teachers to lead their students in the customization of four pairs of blank Vans sneakers. A group of five finalist schools will be flown to New York City where the winning school will receive a

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Arizona Poet Laureate

Alberto Rios

**Elected Chancellor of the
Academy of American Poets**

<http://tinyurl.com/m5b28df>

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\$50,000 donation to their art program and the chance to have their shoes produced and sold in Vans stores.

<http://www.vans.com/customculture/>

The BCA 10: Business Partnership Awards

NOMINATION DEADLINE: February 14, 2014

The BCA 10 recognizes businesses of all sizes for their exceptional involvement with the arts that enrich the workplace, education, and the community.

<http://www.americansforthearts.org/events/bca-10/nominations>

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Media Coverage

Studying the Role of Art in STEM Education

http://www.asce.org/cemagazine/Article.aspx?id=23622329105#.Uu_s dLT-aI5

College-Ready, Career-Ready--and Playing Music

<http://tinyurl.com/mw9wIbd>

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New Publications

Access to High School Arts Education: Why Student Participation Matters as Much as Course Availability

Using student-level data from Texas, researchers set out to describe the variation in arts course offerings and rates of student participation for 870 public high schools by developing several indices that measure different dimensions of access to education in the arts.

<http://epaa.asu.edu/ojs/article/view/1224/1166>

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Upcoming Workshops

Arts + Common Core and Arts Learning Grants Workshop Various Locations and Dates

Presented by the Arizona Department of Education and Arizona Commission on the Arts, participants in these free workshops will explore connections between arts learning and the Common Core, and share valuable standards and assessment resources. The workshop will conclude with a short information session about available arts learning funding opportunities from the Arts Commission, including Arts Learning Grants for schools and community organizations. Spring workshops will take place in Bisbee, Tempe, Prescott and Tucson.

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

The Art of Storytelling
Phoenix Art Museum
February 22, 9:00am

Join staff for presentations and activities that connect character, setting, and story development to the visual and performing arts. This workshop will highlight artistic strategies to make stories come alive through costumes, artwork, and theatrical performances and provide examples of activities that support College and Career Ready Standards through arts integration in any classroom.

<http://www.phxart.org/education/educators/professionaldevelopment>

Arts Integration & Appetizers
Phoenix Art Museum
March 5, 5:30pm

Participate in a group discussion on ways to promote writing through the visual arts. Learn how the arts provide a number of opportunities to develop your students' writing skills – from poems and letters to artist statements.

<http://www.phxart.org/education/educators/professionaldevelopment>

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Opportunities

Democracyworks Essay Competition
DEADLINE: February 14, 2014

The Educational Theatre Association's annual Democracyworks student essay competition is now accepting entries. The winning essayist and a chaperone will be awarded a trip to Arts Advocacy Day in Washington D.C. March 23-25, 2014. Any inducted members of the International Thespian Society (by February 14, 2014) who are enrolled in middle or high school during the 2013-14 school year may submit an essay.

<http://schooltheatre.org/Publications/News/Democracyworksdaronhawkins>

Final Public Review Of NCCAS Arts Standards
February 14 - February 28, 2014

The National Coalition for Core Arts Standards (NCCAS) has scheduled a final public review of the draft PreK-12 arts standards in dance, media arts, music, theatre, and visual arts. The review will open February 14, 2014, and close February 28.

<http://nccas.wikispaces.com/>

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National Endowment for the Arts' Art Works Program
DEADLINE: February 20, 2014

The purpose of this program is to support the creation, public engagement, and learning of art, as well as the incorporation of art into

the community in a way that improves livability.
<http://arts.gov/grants-organizations/art-works>

Shakespeare in American Communities: Shakespeare for a New Generation Program

DEADLINE: March 12, 2014

This program supports nonprofit theater companies to perform works by Shakespeare for middle school and high school students. Supported programs must reach at least ten underserved schools and must be conducted in partnership with schools or school districts. In addition, projects must provide performance-related activities that are led by teaching artists, such as workshops, discussions, seminars, and other relevant education activities.

<http://tinyurl.com/l5f85y>

2014 College Board Awards for Excellence and Innovation in the Arts

DEADLINE: April 4, 2014

These awards celebrate the achievements of arts initiatives for students in grades 6–12 that promote learning and creativity in exemplary and innovative ways. Awards will be given to model programs in three categories: Arts Integration, Equity Through Arts, Civic Engagement/Professional Partnership. Within each of these three categories, one award in the amount of \$5,000 will be given to winning schools to support the continuation and growth of their arts programs. Among the three winning schools, one will be named the national winner and will be awarded an additional \$2,500.

<http://tinyurl.com/ljepfvf>

Charles Lafitte Foundation Grants

DEADLINE: Rolling

The purpose of this program is to support organizations that help people help themselves and others around them to lead healthy and enriched lives. This program supports projects that fall under one of the following categories: education programs, children's advocacy programs, arts programs, or medical research and initiatives.

<http://charleslafitte.org/grants/overview/>

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