



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. We look forward to serving your arts learning interests and needs.

Arts Commission to Host Community Grant Workshops

The Arts Commission's annual cycle of grants to organizations and schools opens in January 2013. Get the latest information regarding the fiscal year 2014 (FY14) granting cycle by attending one of the many workshops scheduled throughout the state during the months of January and February.

During facilitated grants information sessions, Arts Commission staff will offer critical information and training related to our updated Arts Learning Grants program. In addition, Lynn Tuttle from the Arizona Department of Education will join us in Bullhead City, Kingman and Yuma to present a Common Core and the Arts workshop.

To see workshop details and descriptions, and to register, [click here](#).

Awards

National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Awards

APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 4, 2013

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.

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On the Arizona Commission on the Arts Website

End of the Year Message From the Arts Commission

<http://tinyurl.com/aj7ugb6>

Send us your feedback! Tell us what you think of the Arts Learning Newsletter, send us a story or suggest something you'd like to see in the next issue. Please feel free to send your comments and requests for content information to artslearningnews@azarts.gov.

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

Vans Custom Culture Art Competition

DEADLINE: February 11, 2013

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 \$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/>

Arizona Humanities Council Awards

NOMINATION DEADLINE: February 15, 2013

The Arizona Humanities Council honors individuals, organizations, or businesses for their contribution and advancement of the humanities. Nominations are now being accepted.

http://www.azhumanities.org/lwf_lecture_2013.php

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Upcoming Workshops

Civil Rights and Jazz:

Arts Integration Workshops for Educators

January 14, 2013 - High School Educators

January 15, 2013 - Elementary/Junior High Educators

Mesa Arts Center presents free interactive, hands-on workshops, led by Jazz at Lincoln Center educators and ASU History Professors, designed to engage educators in analyzing and interpreting artists' music as a primary source. Participants discuss the role music plays in promoting historical thinking and leave with tools to integrate the NEA's Jazz in the School's curriculum in their classrooms. Additionally, participants receive free tickets to see Jazz at Lincoln Center in concert at the Mesa Arts Center.

<http://www.mesaartscenter.com/index.php/outreach/outreach-programs/jazz-a-z>

Global Connections

Phoenix Art Museum

February 6, 6:30pm

Dr. Lauren McArthur Harris, Assistant Professor of History Education at Arizona State University discusses how students and teachers can make global connections using art objects. Learn strategies to use in your classroom. No art experience required. Educators from all grade levels and disciplines are welcome. RSVP to Dawn.Uscher@PhxArt.org

or (602) 257-2122.

**Teaching and Learning with Contemporary Art
Phoenix Art Museum**

February 23, 9am – 3pm

Investigate how to use contemporary art to help students understand context, build critical thinking skills and vocabulary through questioning, expressing opinions and reacting to things outside of their experience. Join this one-day workshop exclusively for educators presented in conjunction with *Order, Chaos, and the Space Between*, an exhibition featuring contemporary Latin American artworks from the internationally renowned Diane and Bruce Halle Collection. RSVP to Dawn.Uscher@PhxArt.org or (602) 257-2122.

**Arts Education Partnership 2013 National Forum
April 4-5, 2013, Washington, D.C.**

With the goal of strengthening the nation's public education system, AEP's National Forums convene the country's foremost leaders in education, arts, business, culture, government, and philanthropy to discuss what works in arts education and to advance best practices that help ensure a complete education for every child in America.

<http://www.aep-arts.org/>

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Opportunities

**Museum Association of Arizona
Annual Conference: Call for Proposals
DEADLINE: January 15, 2013**

The Museum Association of Arizona (MAA) is seeking session proposals for their 2013 annual meeting. The theme of the conference is *Keeping Our Balance: Innovation and Tradition*. The MAA holds this convening annually, to bring together and offer professional development opportunities for those working in museums large and small.

<http://www.azmuseums.org/Default.aspx?pagelD=1400382>

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Resources

T&W Digital Resource Center

The Teachers & Writers Collaborative has developed a digital resource center, making it easier to search T&W's archives of magazines and books, along with material from other members of the Writers in the Schools Alliance; and to find

lessons and exercises for the writing classroom, how-to pieces on teaching the work of particular writers, essays about teaching creative writing, profiles of creative writing programs, and more.

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

The Common Core State Standards and Its Implications for the Arts Webinar

Since their release in 2010, the Common Core State Standards have been adopted by 46 states and the District of Columbia. Now, as attention shifts from the adoption of the Common Core to implementation, many questions arise regarding how this affects the arts and other core subjects that complete a well-rounded education. Presented by the US Department of Education, session facilitators from the Arts Education Partnership, National Endowment for the Arts, Council of Chief State School Officers, and more, provide valuable information in this webinar recording.

<http://tinyurl.com/azgwngw>

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Advocacy

2013 Arizona Arts Congress

February 4, 2013

Arizona State Capitol

Hosted 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.

<http://azcitizensforthearts.org/events/arts-congress/>

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Funding

Fast-Track Grants for Professional Development

DEADLINE: January 25, 2013

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://tinyurl.com/bxw7b9d>

D'Addario Music Foundation Grants

LOI DEADLINE: January 31, 2013

The D'Addario Music Foundation is a non-profit organization committed to inspiring and assisting the growth and appreciation of music throughout the world by partnering with passionate music educators. Through the generous support of D'Addario and Company, the D'Addario Music Foundation awards grants and product donations to educational programs that offer sustained opportunities for active participation in music making particularly to those that might not otherwise have the opportunity.

<http://tinyurl.com/bghusdx>

National Education Association Learning & Leadership Grants

DEADLINE: February 1, 2013

NEA Learning & Leadership Grants support public school teachers, public education support professionals, and/or faculty and staff in public institutions of higher education for one of two purposes. Grants to individuals fund participation in high-quality professional development experiences such as summer institutes or action research; grants to groups fund collegial study, including study groups, action research, lesson study, or mentoring experiences for faculty or staff new to an assignment.

<http://www.neafoundation.org/pages/learning-leadership-grants/>

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