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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.

Attend an Arizona Art Tank Community Event!

[Arizona Art Tank](#) is a funding initiative of the Arizona Commission on the Arts that makes strategic investments in Arizona's best arts-based entrepreneurial ventures. At live events in 4 Arizona communities, top applicants will pitch their innovative ventures to The Panel, and a live audience from the community, who will award grant funding to the top-scoring ventures at each event. All events are free and open to the public.

Upcoming Art Tank Events:

Tuesday, January 28, 2014
Peoria Community Center
8335 W. Jefferson Street, Peoria, AZ 85345

Wednesday, January 29, 2014
Chandler Center for the Arts
250 N Arizona Ave, Chandler, AZ 85225

Thursday, January 30, 2014
Prescott College Crossroads Center South
215 Garden St, Prescott, AZ 86305

Monday, February 3, 2014
El Casino Ballroom
437 E 26th St, Tucson, AZ 85713

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

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On the Arizona Commission
on the Arts Website

Announcing Cycle B Arts Learning Grants Recipients
<http://tinyurl.com/p8wxncg>

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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 \$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/>

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Media Coverage

**2013 End of Year Message
From the Arts Commission**

<http://tinyurl.com/k2r265m>

**Arts Commissioner Dr. Robert Breunig to
Receive Honorary Doctorate**

<http://tinyurl.com/kszar49>

Arts, Education and Technology in 2014

<http://tinyurl.com/luygeyy>

**Common Core in Action:
Using the Arts to Spark Learning**

<http://tinyurl.com/mk68tzd>

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New Publications

State of the Art

In partnership with the United States Census Bureau, the National Endowment for the Arts asked American adults about the myriad roles art plays in their lives.

<http://tinyurl.com/mfd3les>

**Arts Education for America's
Students: A Shared Endeavor**

The statement urges public policy leaders to provide a systemic and rigorous arts education for all students by leveraging the expertise and experience of multiple partners, including certified arts educators, certified non-arts

educators and community arts providers.
<http://tinyurl.com/mcwl8lx>

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Upcoming Workshops

Mark Morris Dance Group Master Class Mesa Arts Center

January 27, 4:00pm

Join principal dancers of the Mark Morris Dance Company in a modern dance workshop intensive. Presented by the Mesa Arts Center, this master class is open to all high school and community college students.

RSVP to outreach@mesaartscenter.com

Arts Integration & Appetizers Phoenix Art Museum

February 5, 5:30pm

Participate in a group discussion on ways in which the arts promote transferrable skills including problem solving and critical thinking. Then practice looking and analyzing an artwork through a "math" lens focusing on perspective, scale, geometry, symmetry and more.

<http://tinyurl.com/pgjw3du>

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Advocacy

2014 Arizona Arts Congress

February 5, 2014

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.

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

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Funding

National Endowment for the Arts Fiscal Year 2015 Funding Programs

DEADLINE: Multiple

The National Endowment for the Arts is pleased to announce that application guidelines are now available for Art Works and Challenge America Fast-Track. These guidelines are for projects anticipated to take place in 2015. The Art Works and Challenge America Fast-Track programs constitute 75 percent of the NEA's annual direct grantmaking.

<http://tinyurl.com/m5kju2z>

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/>

D'Addario Music Foundation Grants**LOI DEADLINE: January 31, 2014**

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/bm82pu8>

National Education Association Learning & Leadership Grants**DEADLINE: February 1, 2014**

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/>

Arizona Commission on the Arts Grants to Organizations and Schools**DEADLINE: March 21, 2013**

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/>

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