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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.

Grant Hill Named Spokesperson for The Choice is Art Campaign



Click the image to view *The Choice is Art* PSA

The Arts Commission is pleased to announce that professional basketball player and art collector Grant Hill has signed on as a Campaign Spokesperson for The Choice is Art, a promotional campaign for the arts in Arizona. Already airing on COX Media television stations, Mr. Hill is featured in a donor-sponsored public service announcement wherein he offers support to the campaign, and personal testimony about the impact of the arts on the lives of Arizona's youth.

<http://www.azarts.gov/news-resources/news/grant-hill-named-spokesperson-for-the-choice-is-art-campaign-2/>

Upcoming Workshops

Free Webinar: Integrating the Arts Across the Curriculum Tuesday, July 19, 2011, 2pm-3pm, EST

Hosted by EdWeek, this webinar will explore the potential of bringing together the arts with other subjects in a mutual learning experience and point to promising examples, as well as the challenges to ensure that such efforts achieve their academic goals. Presenters: Sandra Ruppert, director of the Arts Education Partnership and Shana Habel, dance demonstration teacher, Los Angeles Unified School District and co-president of the California Dance Education Association.

<http://tinyurl.com/3uvbeau>

2011 Arizona Afterschool Conference November 19, 2011, Phoenix Convention Center

The 19th annual Afterschool Conference hosted by the Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence, is the only annual statewide professional development conference for

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USDOE Launches Investing in Innovation (i3) Grants

<http://www.azarts.gov/news-resources/news/investing-in-innovation-i3-grants/>

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afterschool administrators and staff. The conference will feature keynote speaker, Dr. Gale K. Gorke, President of Kids Kan, as well as 36 workshops highlighting new ideas and best practices required for youth development professionals to remain current in the afterschool field.
<http://azafterschool.org/Events/Annual-Conference.aspx>

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Opportunities

Job Opening: Rosie's House Music Academy

Rosie's House: A Music Academy for Children, Inc. is an afterschool music academy in Central Phoenix for students from low-income families. Rosie's House serves over 300 students annually, ages 5-18, by providing free music instruction and loaned instruments. Rosie's House seeks a Program Coordinator who will be responsible for a broad array of activities related to the day-to-day operations of the afterschool program, including site supervision, scheduling, communicating with parents and faculty, and coordinating community outreach initiatives. For more information visit:

www.rosieshouse.org

Arizona Humanities Council Speakers Bureau

DEADLINE: July 8, 2011

Arizona Humanities Council (AHC) is now accepting applications from humanities scholars for the 2012-2014 Speakers Bureau roster. If you have an interesting topic you want to share with audiences across Arizona, apply today to be a part of Road Scholars, History Alive! or Speakers in the Schools. More information and applications are available on the AHC website.

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

NASA Space Shuttle Program Commemorated with National Arts Education Initiative

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the National Institute of Aerospace (NIA), and USA TODAY Education are pleased to invite students and educators to participate in "Because It Flew" (BIF), a free innovative arts integration educational program that introduces students grades 4-12 (ages 9-17) to the impact of the NASA Space Shuttle Program. BIF consists of various education activities, as well as the NASA Space Shuttle Art Competition which invites students to create original artwork symbolizing the impact of the Space Shuttle (artwork submission deadline - August 5, 2011). Download the activities or obtain competition details from the BIF website.

www.usatodayeducate.com/becauseitflew

Call for Workshop Presenters and Exhibitors: Arizona Afterschool Conference

The Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence is currently accepting workshop proposals and exhibitor applications for the 2011 Arizona Afterschool Conference. For more information on both opportunities, visit the AzCASE website.

<http://www.azafterschool.org/Events/Annual-Conference.aspx>

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Resources

Youth Arts Transforms Lives

This resource provides evidence to demonstrate how youth arts can transform young people's lives through a collection of case studies.

<http://artswork.org.uk/domains/artswork.org.uk/local/artswork-flipbook/index.html>

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Advocacy

H.R. 1891 Eliminates Federal Arts Education Programs

H.R. 1891 "Setting New Priorities in Education Spending Act" would terminate 42 federal education programs, including the Arts in Education program at the U.S. Department of Education. This bill is more serious than the annual funding measures that threatened to de-fund arts education, as HR 1891 permanently strips policy language out of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) that allows the Arts in Education program to be funded each year.

<http://tinyurl.com/3ldf652>

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Funding

ASCAP Foundation Music Grants

LETTER OF INTENT DEADLINE: August 1, 2011

The ASCAP Foundation is dedicated to supporting American music creators and encouraging their development through music education and talent development programs. The foundation considers proposals from 501(c)(3) organizations engaging in music education and talent development programs that are consistent with the mission and objectives of the ASCAP Foundation and which support music education programs for aspiring songwriters and composers.

<http://www.ascapfoundation.org/grants.html>

Mockingbird Foundation Grants

INQUIRY DEADLINE: August 1, 2011

The Mockingbird Foundation provides competitive grants to nonprofit organizations and public schools for children's music education programs. The foundation is particularly interested in projects that encourage and foster creative expression in any musical form (including composition, instrumentation, vocalization, or improvisation), but also recognizes broader and more basic needs within conventional instruction.

<http://mbird.org/funding/guidelines/>

National Endowment for the Arts Grants for Arts Education

DEADLINE: August 11, 2011

The National Endowment for the Arts grants for school-based projects fund projects that are directly connected to the

school curriculum and instructional program. Activities may take place in or outside of the school building at any time of the day. This includes after-school and summer enrichment programs that are formally connected to school curricula. Projects must be based on a curriculum that aligns with national or state arts education standards and include assessment of participant learning.

<http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/Artsed.html>

AHC Arizona Centennial Grant Proposals

DEADLINE: Multiple

The Arizona Humanities Council (AHC) is pleased to request proposals for projects which commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Arizona Statehood by connecting Arizonans to the humanities through public programming. AHC encourages eligible applicants from communities across Arizona whose projects explore, preserve, and share Arizona history in the context of statehood, as well as projects that address the meaning of statehood through the humanities as Arizona moves into the next century.

<http://www.azhumanities.org/ggrants5.php>

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