

**Volume 9, Issue 5 2011**

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.

It's Teacher Appreciation Week!

May 2-6, 2011 is National Teacher Appreciation Week. Join the PTA Teacher Appreciation facebook group, and thank your teachers today!

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2221404667>

May stART Events

Designed to bring teaching artists, educators, arts specialists, District Arts Coordinators, social service organizations, local arts organizations and presenters together in their own community, stART events offer professional development, networking opportunities, and resource building for arts learning professionals.

May 11, 2011 in Phoenix, AZ

stART Learning: Boys and Girls - Teaching the Way the Brain Learns, presented by New Directions Institute

stART Learning: VSA Universal Design for Learning, presented by VSA Arizona

Leadership Forum: Arts and Culture Education Managers

stART Connecting: Networking Opportunity

For details and registration, visit

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

stART events are part of the Building an Artistic Future for Arizona community workshop series. For more information, see *Upcoming Workshops*.

[back to top](#)

Awards**AzCASE Now Accepting Nominations for Afterschool Excellence Awards**

DEADLINE: June 15, 2011

The Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence announces that nominations are now open for the annual Awards of Excellence, recognizing afterschool staff, programs and leaders throughout the state of Arizona for their exemplary work in delivering quality child development programs in afterschool settings. Awards will be given in three categories: Individual, Program, & Leadership.

<http://azafterschool.org/Events/Awards-of-Excellence-Luncheon.aspx>

National and State Dance Education Organization Award Winners

The Arizona Dance Education Organization (AzDEO) is proud to announce that Aubrey Ares from Basha High School, which is under the direction of Jacque Genung-

In this issue:

[Awards](#)

[Media Coverage](#)

[New Publications](#)

[Current Research](#)

[Upcoming Workshops](#)

[Opportunities](#)

[Resources](#)

[Useful Websites](#)

[Advocacy](#)

[Funding](#)



On the Arizona Commission
on the Arts Website

Spotlight on Arts and Culture: The 98th Arizona Town Hall

<http://www.azarts.gov/news-resources/news/spotlight-on-arts-and-culture-the-98th-arizona-town-hall-convenes-next-week/>

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.

Koch, received Honorable Mention in the National Dance Education Organization's 2011 National Artistic Merit, Leadership and Academic Excellence award. Five additional students were honored with the state level award by AzDEO for their excellence in dance, leadership and overall academics: Elizabeth Weinberger and Andrew Ranshaw from Xavier College Prep/Brophy Academy under the direction of MaryAnne Herding; Sylvia Flanagan from Apollo High School under the direction of Alyssa McMichael; Melia Coury from Ironwood High School under the direction of April Leher; and Alyssa Angieri from Boulder Creek High School under the direction of Stacy Shane.

[back to top](#)

Media Coverage

Final Federal Budget Cuts but Maintains NEA, Arts Education

President Obama signed into effect the budget deal reached by the House of Representatives and the Senate that finally brings the FY 2011 appropriations cycle to a close. The National Endowment for the Arts saw a cut of nearly \$13 million from their current appropriation of \$167.5 million for the remainder of the fiscal year, a 7.5 percent decrease. Other culture-related items in the bill include a restoration of \$25.5 million to the Arts in Education Programs at the U.S. Department of Education and a 10.7 percent cut to the Institute for Museum and Library Services from last year's appropriation.

<http://blog.artsusa.org/2011/04/15/the-federal-fy11-appropriations-battle-the-arts/>

[back to top](#)

New Publications

The Role of the Arts in Educating America for Great Leadership and Economic Strength

The 2010 Americans for the Arts National Arts Policy Roundtable focused on The Role of the Arts in Educating America for Great Leadership and Economic Strength. Conclusions are profiled in a new report issued this week that calls for individuals across the public and private sector to recognize the arts as the transformational tools they are for making schools stronger and students more successful.

<http://blog.artsusa.org/2011/04/29/the-role-of-the-arts-in-educating-america/>

[back to top](#)

Current Research

A Snapshot of Arts Education in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools: 2009-10

Released this week by the US Department of Education, this "first look" report provides national summary findings from data collected through the Fast Response Survey System (FRSS). The full report, scheduled to be released this winter, will contain detailed findings, including comparisons to 1999-2000 surveys.

<http://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubsinfo.asp?pubid=2011078>

[back to top](#)

Upcoming Workshops

Building An Artistic Future for Arizona May 11, 2011, Phoenix, AZ

Guest presenters and staff of the Arizona Commission on the Arts are currently moving around the state to facilitate the Building an Artistic Future for Arizona community workshop series. This series of workshops includes a variety of offerings for artists, arts administrators, teaching artists, arts educators, arts advocates and more. For details and registration, visit <http://www.azarts.gov/news-resources/news/community-workshops-february-and-beyond/>.

Global Learning Studio Professional Development Symposium

June 20 – 24, 2011, London

Presented by Dr. Lois Hetland, Peter Lutkoski and Dr. Alison Marshall, the Global Learning Studio is an international professional development opportunity for classroom teachers, museum educators, arts specialists, curriculum leaders, administrators, and teaching artists from schools and community-based arts organizations. During five days in London, the symposium uses arts-based tools and approaches to develop thinking and understanding in arts and non-arts disciplines. For registration and more information, visit:
<http://www.asl.org/institute>

2011 Arizona Afterschool Conference - The Power of Afterschool: Discovering Each Child's Passion and Potential

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 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>

[back to top](#)

Opportunities

International Performing Arts for Youth Artist Showcase Application

EARLY BIRD DEADLINE: May 18, 2011

International Performing Arts for Youth (IPAY), a membership organization that supports the professional community of performing arts for young audiences, calls for artists to apply to perform at Showcase 2012 in Austin, Texas - January 18 through 21. The annual Showcase includes performances, exhibits, networking opportunities, and professional development.

<http://www.ipayweb.org/showcase/>

FOR STUDENTS:

Connections Summer Program

The Severson Sisters Foundation is pleased to announce *Connections*, a creative expression summer program for girls ages 10-14, to be held at the Halle Heart Children's Museum in Tempe. Founded on the belief that girls can

support one another without bullying each other, Severson Sisters' mission is to inspire girls to live their lives as their authentic, awesome, super self while developing stronger sisterhoods among their peers. Details and enrollment information are available at:

www.seversonsisters.org

[back to top](#)

Resources

Toolbox on Arts Learning Assessment

With the support of Searle Funds at The Chicago Community Trust and the Lloyd A. Fry Foundation, the Chicago Arts Partnerships in Education (CAPE) has launched an on-line toolbox as a new resource for improving assessment of student learning in the arts. After spending a year surveying and interviewing Chicago area arts organizations on their assessment strengths and weaknesses, CAPE identified a six step "road map" for improving practice. Each step of the on-line toolbox features planning tools, guiding essays, and examples from actual practice.

www.artsassessment.org

[back to top](#)

Useful Websites

Arizona Centennial Artist & Entertainment Catalog

Enrich your Centennial event with an appearance or performance by one of Arizona's many talented Artists and Entertainers. Peruse the list of artist directories and rosters on the Arizona Centennial Artist & Entertainment Catalog webpage.

<http://www.arizona100.org/events-projects/artist-entertainment-catalog>

[back to top](#)

Advocacy

A Dramatic Difference Campaign

A Dramatic Difference is a new public awareness campaign and interactive website sponsored by the Educational Theatre Association (EdTA) to celebrate, support and spread the word about theatre education and the dramatic difference it makes to students everywhere.

<http://adramaticdifference.org/>

[back to top](#)

Funding

Dollar General Youth Literacy Grants

DEADLINE: May 18, 2011

Dollar General Literacy Foundation Youth Literacy Grants provide funding to schools, public libraries, and nonprofit organizations to help students who are below grade level or experiencing difficulty reading. Visit the website for more information regarding eligibility and application guidelines.

http://www.dollargeneral.com/dg-literacy/Pages/youth_grants.aspx

**MetLife Foundation Partners in Arts Education Program
DEADLINE: May 20, 2011**

MetLife Foundation and the National Guild for Community Arts Education are pleased to announce the renewal of the MetLife Foundation Partners in Arts Education Program. The national initiative, now in its seventh year, aims to improve teaching and learning in the arts by supporting and promoting sustainable partnerships between community arts education organizations and public schools. Grants of up to \$20,000 will be awarded to support arts education partnerships during the 2011-2012 school year. Application guidelines and program details are available on the National Guild's website. Grants are available in 32 cities and metropolitan areas, as listed in the guidelines.

<http://nationalguild.org/programs/partners.htm#Grantmaking>

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>

National Endowment for the Arts 2011 Grants for Arts Education

DEADLINE: Multiple

The National Endowment for the Arts has posted the next round of grant application guidelines at <http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/>. To make organizations aware of the changes to category deadlines, application requirements and review criteria under the new Art Works guidelines, the NEA has posted an overview presentation at <http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/GAP-presentation.html>.

[back to top](#)

Thank you for subscribing to the Arizona Commission on the Arts Arts Learning Newsletter. For more information about the Arizona Commission on the Arts, visit our website at www.azarts.gov.

Arts Learning Staff

Alex Nelson, Interim Arts Learning Director, anelson@azarts.gov



To request this or any other agency publication in an alternative format, contact the Arizona Commission on the Arts at 602.771.8502 or info @azarts.gov.

Photo Credits (Clockwise): Art Car Class, Yavapai College, Prescott, photo by Juanita Hull-Carlson; Tucson Meet Yourself Festival, photo by Steven Meckler; Tucson Children's Museum