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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.

Register Your High School for Arizona Poetry Out Loud



Registration for the 2011-2012 season of Arizona Poetry Out Loud will be open through October 31, 2011.

Poetry Out Loud (POL) is a national poetry recitation contest that provides free classroom materials for teachers and scholarship opportunities for students. POL is open to all Arizona students, grades 9-12. Learn more about POL and register your school online at www.azarts.gov/pol.

Arizona Department of Education Student Artwork Competition

The Arizona Department of Education (ADE) invites student artists from throughout Arizona to participate in a student artwork competition designed to celebrate the state's centennial. Two-dimensional student artworks will be on display at ADE buildings in Flagstaff, Phoenix and Tucson, and students may receive cash prizes for winning entries.

Districts and charter holders may submit up to four (4) student artworks for the competition, one per grade level division, by the deadline of November 10, 2011 at 12:00 p.m. Artworks will be accepted at 3 ADE sites in Flagstaff, Tucson and Phoenix, and will be on display at ADE buildings from December through March, 2012. For more information, including guidelines, theme information and submission processes, please see the links below.

Contest Fact Sheet:

<http://www.azarts.gov/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/District-Contest-Fact-Sheet-Final090611.pdf>

Contest Guidelines:

<http://www.azarts.gov/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/Contest-Guidelines-Final090611.pdf>

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October is National Arts and Humanities Month!

<http://www.azarts.gov/news-resources/news/arts-and-humanities-month-celebrate-this-month-and-every-month/>



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Awards

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College Board Awards for Excellence and Innovation in the Arts

DEADLINE: October 15, 2011

The College Board is now accepting applications for the 2012 College Board Award for Excellence and Innovation in the Arts. This annual award recognizes and celebrates the achievements of six member institutions that have implemented an arts program that promotes student learning and creativity in exemplary and innovative ways. One school from each of the College Board's six regions will be awarded \$3,500 to support the continuation and growth of their arts programs. Of the six finalists, one school will be named the national winner and will be awarded an additional \$1,500. Regional winners will be honored at their respective 2012 College Board Regional Forums; the national winner will also be honored at the 2012 College Board National Forum.

<https://artsaward.collegeboard.org/>

Kennedy Center 2012 School Board Award for Arts Education

DEADLINE: December 2, 2011

The Kennedy Center Alliance for Arts Education Network (KCAAEN) and the National School Boards Association (NSBA) are pleased to recognize a local School Board for outstanding support of the arts in education. This national award has been presented annually since 1989 to a School Board that has demonstrated support for and commitment to high-quality arts education in its school district. The winning district receives a plaque and a cash award of \$10,000 to use for their arts education programs. All applications for the national-level KCAAEN and NSBA Award must be submitted by a State Alliance for Arts Education, a State School Boards Association, or through a joint submission from both of these organizations.

<http://bit.ly/SchoolBoardAward2012>

Phoenix's Mountain Pointe High School Receives The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts National School of Distinction in Arts Education Award

Mountain Pointe was among schools nominated by the [Arizona Alliance for Arts Education](#). Selection criteria included a review of the ways in which arts education is an essential component of a school's curriculum and the process involved submission of work samples by each area of arts curriculum in the school – Visual Arts, Music, Dance and Theatre.

<http://www.azcentral.com/community/ahwatukee/articles-/2011/09/09/20110909mountain-pointe-high-school-kennedy-arts-award.html>

Media Coverage

Jaime Foxx Promotes THUNDERSOUL, Arts Education

Last week, actor and producer Jamie Foxx released the film **THUNDERSOUL**, showcasing the true story of how arts education transformed lives.

http://articles.nydailynews.com/2011-09-19/entertainment/30196090_1_band-members-stage-band-arts-education
PSA: <http://artsactionfund.org/videos/entry/jamie-foxx-arts-action-fund-psa>

New Publications

New Essay Explores Colombian Music Education Model

Eric Booth and Tricia Tunstall's newly released essay, "Batuta: The Colombian 'Sistema,'" explores the pair's discoveries visiting this publicly funded South American music education program. "Batuta" is inspired by Venezuela's internationally renowned "El Sistema" program.

<http://www.scribd.com/doc/66383612/Batuta-Essay>

New Research Bulletin on Benefits of Music Education

Music Matters: How Music Education Helps Students Learn, Achieve and Succeed was prepared by the Arts Education Partnership (AEP) with support from the Quincy Jones Music Consortium.

<http://www.aep-arts.org/files/publications/Music%20Matters%20Final.pdf?PHPSESSID=9b32bec51c644b9d0876e02d0bfaf88d>

Upcoming Workshops

Arts Learning Networking/Meet and Greet
October 5, 2011 | 3:30pm – 4:30pm
Tucson Pima Arts Council
100 North Stone Ave. Suite # 109
(Pioneer Building, Downtown Tucson)
Tucson, AZ 85705

Teaching artists and educators, we want to hear from you! Join your peers and members of the Tucson arts community for a meet and greet at the Tucson Pima Arts Council. Network with new colleagues and old friends to share program and resource ideas. Touch base with Leia Maahs of the Tucson Pima Arts Council, Alex Nelson of the Arizona Commission on the Arts and Lynn Tuttle of the Arizona Department of Education for statewide arts education updates. Please RSVP to Imaahs@tucsonpimaartscouncil.org by October 3rd.

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>

Opportunities

Surdna Foundation Arts Teachers Fellowship Program

DEADLINE: November 14, 2011

The Surdna Foundation invites arts teachers from public arts high schools to apply for funding for artistic development through its Arts Teachers Fellowship Program (SATF). Eligible schools include specialized public arts high schools, as well as arts-focused, magnet and charter high schools. The program offers teachers the opportunity to immerse themselves in their own creative work, interact with other professional artists, and stay current with new practices. Eligible teachers can apply for grants of up to \$5,500 in support of artistic growth, with a complementary grant of \$1,500 provided to each Fellow's school for post-fellowship activities.

<http://www.surdna.org/what-we-fund/thriving-cultures/109.html>

Useful Websites

You for Youth

The You for Youth website is an online professional development tool for 21st century afterschool programs. The research-based afterschool toolkit offers videos and sample lessons on topics ranging from arts to literacy to math and homework. The website also includes an interactive state-by-state 21st CCLC "program finder" that helps programs locate and connect with others in their state.

<http://y4y.ed.gov/y4y-pdm/Default.aspx>

Funding

YoungArts Grants For High School Seniors

DEADLINE: October 14, 2011

YoungArts, a national foundation for advancement in the arts, is offering up to \$500,000 in total awards to high school seniors in nine different arts disciplines. To apply, you must be a U.S. citizen and a high school senior in the year 2011-2012 or a recent graduate aged 17 or 18 on December 1, 2011. Applicants may also apply to more than one discipline including cinematic arts, dance, jazz, music, photography, visual arts, writing, theater, and voice.

<http://www.youngarts.org/blog/2012-youngarts-national-program-application-now-open>

LEGO Children's Fund: Child Development Grants

DEADLINE: October 15, 2011

The LEGO Children's Fund is offering quarterly grants to match funds for either local or national programs that support early childhood education and development through creativity and/or technology and communication projects that advance learning.

<http://www.legochildrensfund.org/mission.html>

Music Is Revolution Mini-Grant

DEADLINE: October 15, 2011

The Music is Revolution Foundation will give up to \$500 to K-12 public school teachers for music education

activities. Eligible projects include those that are clearly based on the concept of music education through musical experiences. Projects should also initiate students into a sense of their social, academic, and cultural identity, and humanize them through the emotional, cognitive, or physical impact of music. Funds may be used for supplies, materials, equipment, musical instruments, transportation for a field trip, or for bringing a performer or musical group to the school.

<http://www.musicisrevolution.com/teachers>

AHC Arizona Centennial Grant Proposals

INTENT DEADLINE: November 18, 2011

The Arizona Humanities Council (AHC) is pleased to request proposals for projects that 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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