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

Register Your School for Poetry Out Loud!



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.

Registration for the 2013-2014 season of Arizona Poetry Out Loud will be open through October 18, 2013.

Current Research

Study Charts Benefits of Museum Field Trips

The Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art created opportunities for local schools by providing reimbursement for all expenses associated with museum field trips. They then tracked the educational value of the trips, alongside a control group, and found students who visited the museum improved in areas such as critical thinking and historical empathy.

<http://educationnext.org/the-educational-value-of-field-trips/>

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Upcoming Workshops

**Arts Integration Intensives
Common Core MATH: October 26, 2013
(Tucson)**

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Arts in Education Week Wrap Up

<http://tinyurl.com/nn2cox4>

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.

**Common Core MATH: November 2, 2013
(Tempe)**

STEM: November 16, 2013 (Tucson)

Arts Integration Solutions is offering two professional development intensives for K-12 teachers, teaching artists, and administrators, one focused on interdisciplinary learning using arts concepts and Mathematics Common Core state standards and one on integrating performing, visual, and media arts with standard-based STEM practices.

<http://www.artsintegration.com>

**Common Core: Questioning Strategies
Phoenix Art Museum**

December 4, 2013 | 5:30pm – 7:30pm Local educators and museum staff explore how the arts can spark students' interest and generate evidence-based questions.

<http://www.phxart.org/education/educators/professionaldevelopment>

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Opportunities

**Discounted Phoenix Symphony
Tickets for Teachers**

The Phoenix Symphony's Educator Club is open to any K-12 classroom teacher, full-time music teacher or college professor, principal, district arts coordinator or superintendent and entitles the bearer to purchase tickets to any Classics, Pops or Family concert at 50% off single ticket admission price.

<http://www.phoenixsymphony.org/tickets/student-educator-tickets>

**NCCAS Seeks Public Review of Draft High
School Standards**

DEADLINE: October 21, 2013

The National Coalition for Core Arts Standards recently invited the public to weigh in on the draft version of the new high school arts standards. Participants are asked to review the standards and complete a survey afterwards.

<http://nccas.wikispaces.com/NCCAS+September+30th+Public+Review>

**Arizona Department of Education
3rd Annual Student Artwork Competition
SUBMISSION DEADLINE: November 8, 2013**

The Everyday Art of Arizona is a visual arts competition for elementary, middle and high school students in the state of Arizona. Entries will be accepted beginning October 31, 2013.

[http://www.azed.gov/art-education/
student-artwork-competition/](http://www.azed.gov/art-education/student-artwork-competition/)

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Resources

How to Close the Achievement Gap: Arts Education

As we celebrate Arts in Education Week, it is fitting to point out the many benefits of arts education. Research has shown that the arts prepare students for success in school, work and life by boosting math and literacy achievement, developing creativity and critical thinking skills, strengthening perseverance, facilitating cross-cultural understanding and much, much more (the Arts Education Partnership has compiled a research bulletin (1) with citations for these and other outcomes of arts education, if you would like more information).

<http://edut.to/15kgHDA>

The Importance of Learning Throughout Our Lives

What is Life Long Learning? Simply, I believe it is the consistent and deep engagement of the mind and body in the active pursuit of knowledge and experience from birth to death. Now, science is helping to support the importance of learning in keeping brains active and healthy for a lifetime. Over recent years, neuroscientists continue to conduct research on how the mental and physical activities so integral to the arts are equally fundamental for brain function.

[http://blog.artsusa.org/2013/09/18/
the-importance-of-learning-throughout-our-lives/](http://blog.artsusa.org/2013/09/18/the-importance-of-learning-throughout-our-lives/)

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Funding

PLACE V Initiative Grant DEADLINE: November 4, 2013

The PLACE (People, Land, Art, Culture and Engagement) Initiative Grant is designed for arts-based civic engagement projects that deal with issues of cross-cultural understanding, tolerance and/or civil society in Tucson and Pima County. Projects can take the form of festivals, residencies, public programs and more.

<http://www.tucsonpimaartscouncil.org/event/13012/>

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Useful Websites

Americans for the Arts (AFTA) On Demand Arts Education Webinars

<http://www.americansforthearts.org/events/webinars/004.asp#AE>

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