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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 Now for the Joint Arts Education Conference!

Register now for both the **Joint Arts Education Conference**, presented by the Arizona Commission on the Arts and the Arizona Department of Education, and the **Southwest Arts Conference**, presented by the Arizona Commission on the Arts in association with Alliance for Audience.

Take advantage of the Early Registration rate (ends June 20, 2010) and attend the Joint Arts Education Conference for just \$85, or purchase a combined registration for the Joint Arts Education Conference and the Southwest Arts Conference at a significantly discounted rate.

Visit www.azarts.gov/jaec for additional information, including speaker bios, a full schedule, and conference registration.

Awards

AAAE Recognizes Students in Essay Contest

The Arizona Alliance for Arts Education recognized students from Mesa, Paradise Valley, Kyrene, Dysart and Higley school districts for their winning essays in the contest, "How the Arts Help Develop My Imagination".

AzCASE Afterschool Excellence Awards Nomination Deadline Extended

EXTENDED DEADLINE: June 30, 2010
The Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence is accepting nominations for the 9th annual Afterschool Awards of Excellence. Award categories are "Individual", "Leadership" and "Program." Guidelines and nomination forms are available at:
<http://azafterschool.org/News---Events/Afterschool-Awards-of-Excellence.aspx>

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Media Coverage

Approach to Art Focuses on Students' Problem-solving Skills

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On the Arizona Commission on the Arts Website

The Exhausted Arts: Come Together to Recharge

<http://www.azarts.gov/news-resources/news/the-exhausted-arts-come-together-to-recharge/>

<http://azarts.gov>

Quicklinks

- [Arizona Alliance for Arts Education](#)
- [Arizona Center for After School Excellence](#)
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- [Association of Teaching Artists](#)
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- [NEA Arts Education](#)
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Send us your feedback! Tell us what you think of the Arts

<http://www.nola.com/education/index.ssf/2010/05/visitation-of-our-lady-student.html>

Software Program Helps Music Students Hit the Right Notes

<http://www.startribune.com/local/west/94709939.html>

Common Core State Standards for the Arts

The State Education Agency Directors of Arts Education (SEADAE) convened community and cultural partners in May of 2010, to determine how to move forward with the creation of common core standards in the arts. Learn more about the common core arts standards in this blog post by Mandy Buscas, Arts Learning Director,

<http://www.azarts.gov/news-resources/news/what-are-the-common-core-arts-standards/>, and find archived video and documents from the meeting on the SEADAE website.

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

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Current Research

Statewide Arts Education Assessment: Idaho, Montana, Utah, Wyoming

This report is the result of the survey conducted in conjunction with the Statewide Arts Education Assessment (SAEA), a project developed by practitioners in the field of arts education in collaboration with the Western States Arts Federation (WESTAF). The 2009-2010 Statewide Arts Education Assessment report serves as a valuable resource for all who want to advocate for a high-quality, well-rounded education for students.

http://www.westaf.org/pdfs/SAEA_5_26_10_web-1.pdf

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Upcoming Workshops

ASCD Live Streaming Summer Conference Sessions June 22-24, 2010

ASCD (formerly the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development) will be broadcasting three select sessions for free from the ASCD Summer Conference. ASCD is an educational leadership organization dedicated to advancing best practices and policies for the success of each learner.

<http://www.ascd.org/conferences/Summer-Conference/livestream.aspx>

Lincoln Center Institute International Educator Workshops

Now offered at eight locations worldwide and open to any pre-K through grade 12 teacher, school and/or arts administrator, teaching artist, curriculum developer, or teacher educator not currently affiliated with an aesthetic education program.

<http://www.lcinstitute.org/LCIDocs/LCINEW.htm>

Teacher Training in Folk Arts, Folklife, and Oral History

The National Network for Folk Arts in Education, funded by the National Endowment for the Arts, advocates inclusion

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of folk and traditional arts and culture in the nation's education. Summer 2010 training opportunities for K-12 educators in folk arts, folklife, and oral history listed on the website below.

http://docs.google.com/View?id=d624sqd_20fmxpr5s3

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Opportunities

Call for Artists for the International Performing Arts for Youth Showcase 2011

DEADLINE: June 18, 2010

International Performing Arts for Youth, the premiere membership organization in the world today serving and supporting the professional community of performing arts for young audiences, calls for artists to perform at Showcase 2011, January 19 through 22, in Tampa, Florida.

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

Apply Now for the Arts Commission's Teaching Artist Roster

Intent to Apply Deadline: August 5, 2010

The Arizona Commission on the Arts is now accepting applications for the 2011-2012 Teaching Artist Roster. If you are a teaching artist, or you have worked with an exceptional teaching artist, we encourage you to apply or share this information.

<http://www.azarts.gov/arts-learning/teaching-artist-resources/apply-to-the-roster/>

Faces of Afterschool Art Project

DEADLINE: August 30, 2010

Faces of Afterschool is a statewide art project in which the many faces of afterschool come alive in artistic self-portraits. Self-portraits are to be submitted to the Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence by Monday, August 30th for a chance to have your program's work displayed at the Children's Museum of Phoenix in October & November as part of the national *Lights On Afterschool* observance. Follow the link for program guidelines, sample lesson plans, resources and more.

<http://azafterschool.org/News---Events/Faces-of-Afterschool.aspx>

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Resources

Audio Description for the Arts

The latest addition to Fractured Atlas' free online courses, available at Fractured U, is Audio Description: The Visual Made Verbal. This unique course will introduce participants to the principles of Audio Description, how to produce quality description, and the importance of close communication with the "end users" - people who are blind or have low vision and all people who support this innovative use of technology to provide greater media access.

<http://www.fracturedatlas.org/u/courses/46>

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Funding

Best Buy Community Grants Program

DEADLINE: July 1, 2010

Best Buy is offering grants for non-profit organizations that provide positive experiences that help teens excel in school, engage in their communities, and develop leadership skills. Special consideration is given to programs serving a diverse population. Applications are accepted starting June 1, 2010 and the deadline is July 1, 2010.

<http://www.bestbuy-communityrelations.com/>

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