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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.

October is National Arts and Humanities Month!

National Arts and Humanities Month (NAHM) is a nation-wide celebration of arts and culture in our country. Held every October and coordinated by Americans for the Arts, NAHM is the largest annual celebration of the arts and humanities in the nation. For tools and information about celebrating the arts in your community, visit the National Arts and Humanities Month webpage. Discover arts tips for parents, a list of 101 things you can do to celebrate the arts in October, and much more.

http://www.artsusa.org/get_involved/advocacy/nahm/visibility_014.asp

Two Weeks Remain to Register Your School for Poetry Out Loud!



Get your school involved in the program that engages nearly 325,000 students annually, nationwide!

Registration for Poetry Out Loud: National Recitation Contest will be open until October 15, 2010. To learn more about the program and register your school, visit www.azarts.gov/pol.

Poetry Out Loud is open to all Arizona high schools.

Awards

The Kennedy Center/Stephen Sondheim Inspirational Teacher Awards

Each year, The Kennedy Center/Stephen Sondheim Inspirational Teacher Awards will solicit nominations from students, providing the opportunity to submit stories about teachers and professors who made a significant difference in their lives. View the nomination eligibility and frequently asked questions at the Kennedy Center website. Nomination applications are due December 15, 2010.

<http://www.kennedy-center.org/programs/awards/sondheim/index.cfm>

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Media Coverage

Wolf Trap Launches First-of-its-Kind Early Childhood STEM Learning Through the Arts Initiative

The Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts has launched an innovative Early Childhood STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) Learning Through the Arts initiative focusing on the development, documentation, and dissemination of innovative, research-based models that integrate arts into early childhood STEM learning. Wolf Trap was awarded \$1.15 million through the US Department of Education Arts Education Model Development and Dissemination grant program in support of this initiative.

www.wolftrap.org/STEM

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Everyone Can Play a Role: Share the Results of the Arizona Arts Education Census

<http://www.azarts.gov/news-resources/news/everyone-can-play-a-role-share-the-results-of-the-arizona-arts-education-census/>

<http://azarts.gov>

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National Dance Education Organization 2010 National Conference

October 20-24, 2010

Sheraton Phoenix Airport Hotel, Phoenix, AZ

The National Dance Education Organization (NDEO), in cooperation with the Arizona Dance Education Organization, presents a five day conference exploring how dance can prepare students for increasingly complex life and work environments in the 21st Century. The theme is Focus on Dance Education: Creativity, Innovation & 21st Century Skills.

http://www.ndeo.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=893257&module_id=66988

2010 Arizona Afterschool Conference: Enriching Out-of-School Time Programs with STEM

Saturday, November 20, 2010

Phoenix Convention Center, Phoenix, AZ

The Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence presents the 18th Annual Arizona Afterschool Conference, featuring workshops and speakers aimed at strengthening out-of-school time programs and staff.

<http://azafterschool.org/News---Events/Conferences.aspx>

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Opportunities

Sign up for the 2010 Lights on Afterschool Celebration October 21, 2010

Join the national Afterschool Alliance and afterschool programs throughout the country to celebrate Lights on Afterschool day, October 21st! Register your program for free at:

<http://www.afterschoolalliance.org/loaHostEvent.cfm>

Tempe seeks artists for 2011 Community Gallery exhibitions

APPLICATION DEADLINE: October 29, 2010, 5:00p.m.

The city of Tempe is issuing its 2011 Call for Work for the Youth Library, Connections Café, Post Office and Vihel Center galleries. For an application and complete descriptions of each gallery space and themes for the Post Office exhibitions, visit

<http://www.tempe.gov/arts/Exhibitions/2011Call.pdf>.

GRAMMY in the Schools Education Programs

Grammy Foundation offers a wide variety of education programs including grant funding for school music programs, opportunities for students and awards for teachers. To learn more visit

<http://www.grammyintheschools.com/>.

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Useful Websites

ARTSEdge

ARTSEdge, the Kennedy Center's educational website for teachers, parents, and young people has relaunched. ARTSEdge is a collection of free digital resources, including lesson plans, audio stories, video clips, and interactive online modules. New features include expanded content, easier browsing and upgrades to leverage best practices in educational media and multimedia-supported instruction.

<http://artsedge.kennedy-center.org>

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Funding

MAP Fund

LETTER OF INQUIRY DEADLINE: October 15, 2010

The MAP Fund provides project-specific funding to playwrights, choreographers, directors, composers and performers experimenting in any performance tradition or discipline.

<http://mapfund.org/>

Challenge to Innovate

PHASE 1 - September 7 - October 19, 2010

In a new partnership, the Education Department's Open Innovation Portal will host the Challenge to Innovate (C2i), a three-phase

challenge from the NEA Foundation. The first phase of the challenge, from Sept. 7 through Oct. 19, asks educators to share their most pressing classroom challenges that can be solved with \$500 or less. The five ideas with the most votes, as judged by the Open Innovation Portal community, will each receive \$1000 from the NEA Foundation. For more information about Phases 2 and 3, and the Open Innovation Portal, visit <http://www.neafoundation.org/pages/educators/grant-programs/c2i-the-nea-foundations-challenge-to-innovate/>.

**Surdna Foundation Fellowships to High School Arts Teachers
LETTER OF INTENT TO APPLY DEADLINE: November 12, 2010**

The Surdna Foundation is pleased to announce the eleventh round of the Surdna Arts Teachers Fellowship Program, a national initiative to support the artistic revitalization of outstanding arts teachers. Eligibility guidelines now include arts teachers working in specialized public arts high schools AND arts-focused magnet and charter high schools. 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. Complete program information is available at: www.surdna.org/artsteachersfellowship

**Bank of the West Charitable Investments Program
DEADLINE: December 31, 2010**

Bank of the West's Commitment to Community Charitable Investments Program provides grants to local nonprofit organizations dedicated to improving quality of life, particularly for low- and moderate-income individuals and communities. Grants are made in four categories including Civic and Cultural, and various geographic locations including eight counties in Arizona. <https://www.bankofthewest.com/about-us/community-support/charitable-investments.html>

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