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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.

Media Coverage

Arts in Education Highlighted on White House Blog
Officials from President Obama's administration met with arts education activists in late July, including nonprofit executives, actors, and school administration officials, to discuss the impact of arts education and express concerns about its diminished role in school curricula. The meeting was part of the Champions of Change program, designed to give Americans from a variety of backgrounds the opportunity to discuss their views with the administration.

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/champions/arts-education>

Hewlett Foundation and Barry's Blog Host Arts Education Blog Forum

For this four week blog salon, Julie Fry, Program Officer for The William & Flora Hewlett Foundation, and Barry Hesseinius of WESTAF will host an ongoing discussion on arts education and the myriad of issues and challenges facing the field in moving arts education forward. Thirty-one arts/arts education leaders from across the country will participate over the course of the next month as guest bloggers.

<http://blog.westaf.org/>

Josh Groban Launches Find Your Light Foundation to Champion Arts Education

<http://findyourlightfoundation.org/2011/07/josh-groban-launches-find-your-light-foundation-to-champion-arts-education/>

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Current Research

Making Summer Count: How Summer Programs Can Boost Children's Learning

This new study, commissioned by The Wallace Foundation and conducted by RAND Education, is the most comprehensive research on summer learning to date. Using extensive analysis of existing literature combined with field research, the study examines student summer learning loss and gain, the characteristics of effective summer learning programs and the costs associated with such programs.

<http://www.rand.org/pubs/monographs/MG1120.html>

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On the Benefits of an Arts Education

<http://www.azarts.gov/news-resources/news/on-the-benefits-of-an-arts-education/>

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Upcoming Workshops

EducationCloset.com Offers Fall Online Courses for Arts Educators

EducationCloset.com is now accepting registrations for Fall online courses. Each class concludes with a portfolio of information, lesson plans, interactive presentations and your own class products that can be implemented immediately in your own classroom. Fall online course selections: There's an App for You: Arts and Technology Integration eClass; A Vocal adVocate: Arts Advocacy eClass; Arts Integration eClass; What's In Your Toolbox: Arts Techniques eClass.

<http://educationcloset.com/online-classes/>

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>

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Opportunities

Residency Opportunity for Visual Artists

DEADLINE: August 15, 2011

Childsplay and the CALA Alliance are seeking Visual Arts Teaching Artists to do a residency project in conjunction with the CALA Festival. The Diego Project is a partnership between BookPals, The Phoenix Art Museum Docents, and visual artists from around the valley. This residency works with 2nd and 3rd graders and is centered around Diego Rivera. Sessions for The Diego Project are September through November, 2011. For more information, contact Korbi Adams at

KAdams@childsplayaz.org.

Phoenix Art Museum Educator Open House

August 24, 2011 | 5:00-9:00pm

The Phoenix Art Museum invites educators to celebrate the start of a new school year with an engaging evening of preview tours, demonstrations, and mini-workshops exclusively for educators. Catch the summer exhibition, Modern Mexican Painting from the Andrés Blaisten Collection, enjoy refreshments with colleagues and consult with Museum educators on how to utilize museum resources to make learning across the curriculum come alive. This event is free; for RSVP information visit:

<http://www.phxart.org/education/documents/PAM-EducatorOpenHouse82411.pdf>

Musical Instrument Museum K-12 Educators'

Preview Day

August 27, 2011 | 9:00am

Arizona K-12 educators, principals, registered student teachers, and home school educators: join the Musical Instrument Museum (MIM) Education Team for

complimentary refreshments and an introduction to MIM's school programs, updated field-trip information, and expanded curriculum, followed by a self-guided tour of MIM at your leisure. This event is free; for RSVP information visit:

<http://tinyurl.com/3o68tlq>

Lifetime Arts Creative Aging Teaching Artist Roster

Lifetime Arts invites teaching artists to join the Creative Aging Teaching Artist Database. The Database is a free, online, evolving directory of artists interested and/or experienced in working with older adults.

<http://www.lifetimearts.org/cgi-bin/db-intro.pl>

Exhibitor Opportunity: Arizona Afterschool Conference

The Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence is currently accepting exhibitor applications for the 2011 Arizona Afterschool Conference. Showcase your program ideas, field trip ideas or services targeting programs that serve youth ages 5-17 for 500+ afterschool providers and staff.

<http://azafterschool.org/Events/Annual-Conference/2011-Call-for-EXHIBITORS.aspx>

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Funding

National Endowment for the Arts Grants for Arts Education

DEADLINE: August 11, 2011

The National Endowment for the Arts grants for school-based projects fund projects that are directly connected to the school curriculum and instructional program. Activities may take place in or outside of the school building at any time of the day. This includes after-school and summer enrichment programs that are formally connected to school curricula. Projects must be based on a curriculum that aligns with national or state arts education standards and include assessment of participant learning.

<http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/Artsed.html>

Professional Development Grants

DEADLINE: August 12, 2011

The Arizona Commission on the Arts announces the first round of fiscal year 2012 Professional Development Grants. Available to artists, art administrators and art educators of all disciplines at various stages of their artistic career, these mini-grants can be utilized towards expenses associated with attendance at local, national and international conferences, seminars, workshops and other such skill building activities.

<http://www.azarts.gov/news-resources/news/professional-development-grants-now-available-first-deadline-august-12-2011/>

Tucson Pima Arts Council Pima County Arts Project Grant 2011-2012

DEADLINE: August 26, 2011

Pima County Arts Project Grants (formerly rural arts project grants) provide support for programs that contribute to the rural community's participation in the arts and promote local arts programming. Nonprofit arts organizations and community organizations that have evidence of support in the Pima County community served are eligible to apply. Projects must occur in Pima County (outside Tucson City limits).

<http://www.tucsonpimaartscouncil.org/grants/pimacounty-projects-guidelines.html>

Marshall Foundation Grants for Pima County Projects

DEADLINE: September 15, 2011

The Marshall Foundation encourages applications for special projects and/or capital support for: children and youth programs, cultural organizations and programs, education, and community service organizations. In order to be considered for funding by Marshall Foundation, the organization seeking support must be an established 501 (c)(3) Not-For-Profit corporation or a 501(c)(6) and have a project that will take place in Pima County or benefit residents of Pima County, AZ.

<http://www.marshallfoundation.com/grantapply.html>

Arizona Artist Project Grants

DEADLINE: September 22, 2011

The Arizona Commission on the Arts announces the launch of the 2011-2012 Artist Project Grant (APG). This distinguished and highly competitive grant supports individual artists of all disciplines and aims to help with project-related costs that allow for research and development of new works of art.

<http://www.azarts.gov/news-resources/news/2012-application-cycle-for-arizona-artist-project-grants-is-now-open/>

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