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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.

## Save the Date(s) - stART Workshops Coming to a City Near You

Designed to bring teaching artists, educators, arts specialists, District Arts Coordinators, social service and arts organizations together in their own community, **stART** events offer free professional development, networking opportunities, and resource building for arts learning professionals.

**stART** events kick off in January, 2012. For a full list of the cities, dates and workshop offerings, visit [www.azarts.gov/start](http://www.azarts.gov/start).

## Awards

### Congratulations to Grand Canyon Music Festival, 2011 National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award Winner

The Grand Canyon Music Festival's Native American Composer Apprentice Project (NACAP) received one of this year's National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Awards. These awards, presented by the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities, recognize outstanding after-school and out-of-school programs that are transforming the lives of young people.

<http://www.azarts.gov/news-resources/news/grand-canyon-music-festival%E2%80%99s-native-american-composer%E2%80%99s-apprentice-project-receives-2011-national-arts-and-humanities-youth-program-award/>

### Governor's Arts Awards

#### **NOMINATION DEADLINE: December 16, 2011**

Arizona Citizens for the Arts is now accepting nominations for the 2012 Governor's Arts Awards in the following categories; Artist, Arts in Education (Individual) Arts in Education (Organization), Business, Community and Individual. These awards recognize those who have made significant contributions to the arts in Arizona.

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

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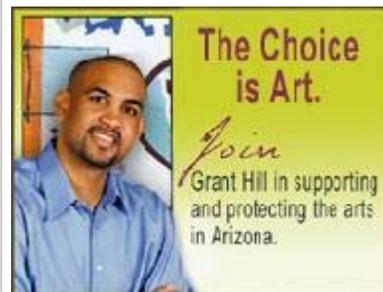
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### Message From the Arts Commission Chair, Mark Feldman

<http://www.azarts.gov/news-resources/news/message-from-the-arts-commission-chair-mark-feldman/>



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## Media Coverage

your comments and requests  
for content information to  
[artslearningnews@azarts.gov](mailto:artslearningnews@azarts.gov).

### **National Endowment for the Arts Announces \$22.543 Million in Grant Awards**

Congratulations to Arizona recipients Arizona State University, Grand Canyon Chamber Music Festival, Tucson Symphony Society and Wickenburg Foundation for the Performing Arts!

<http://arts.gov/news/news11/ArtworksI-GrantAnnounce.html>

### **How Visual Arts Can Build Critical-Thinking Skills**

Education in the visual arts can be an avenue for building students' critical-thinking skills, writes blogger Andrew Miller, a National Faculty member for the Buck Institute for Education. Miller points to two examples of this, including one in which students at a California school created an art piece to symbolize a better representation of an atom for a chemistry project.

<http://www.edutopia.org/blog/visual-art-critical-thinking-andrew-miller>

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## New Publications

### **New Publication from Local Learning on Folk Culture and Education**

Through the Schoolhouse Door: Folklore, Community, Curriculum offers a collection of experiences from exemplary school programs and the analysis of an expert group of folklorists and educators who are dedicated not only to getting students out the door and into their communities to learn about the folk culture all around them but also to honoring the culture that teachers and students bring to and create in the classroom.

<http://www.usu.edu/usupress/books/index.cfm?isbn=8596>

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## Upcoming Workshops

### **Webinar - Optimize Your Social Media Presence December 9, 2011**

The Arizona Commission on the Arts invites you to attend an upcoming webinar on the topic of interactive marketing and social media basics, presented through a unique collaboration with the Arizona Office of Tourism.

<http://www.azarts.gov/news-resources/news/learn-how-to-optimize-your-social-media-presence-at-two-upcoming-workshops/>

### **Jazz at Lincoln Center's Band Director Academy (BDA) Comes to Mesa**

**January 5-7, 2012 | Mesa Arts Center**

Presented by the Mesa Arts Center, the Band Director Academy (BDA) offers powerful insights into the teaching of jazz and emphasizes hands-on learning and techniques that

can be immediately applied to the classroom. The two-and-a-half day workshop includes classes, demo sessions with a student big band, jam sessions, topic discussions and a faculty concert. BDA offers tips and techniques for a deeper understanding of, and passion for, teaching jazz.

[http://www.mesaartscenter.com/index.php/-Education\\_Outreach/Outreach\\_Programs](http://www.mesaartscenter.com/index.php/-Education_Outreach/Outreach_Programs)

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## Opportunities

### **Free Centennial Scores Available: Celebrate Arizona's 100th Year Through Music!**

The Arizona Commission on the Arts is proud to make available Centennial Music Compositions, created by Arizona composers Sy Brandon and James DeMars, along with poet Albert Rios, in celebration of Arizona's 100th year. The band and choral music pieces are appropriate for high school, college or community bands and any performing group or ensemble that wishes to perform either piece.

Download the musical compositions, FREE at

[www.azarts.gov/arizonacentennial](http://www.azarts.gov/arizonacentennial).

FOR STUDENTS:

### **Arizona Alliance for Arts Education Student Essay Contest**

**DEADLINE: December 15, 2011**

The Arizona Alliance for Arts Education Student Essay Contest is open to all Arizona students Grades 4-12. A cash award will be given for the enhancement of the winners' school arts program, and each winning student will be invited to read their essay at their local school board meeting, where AAAE will present the check to the teacher and a certificate to the student.

<http://www.artsed.org/recognition-competition/student-essay-contest/>

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## Resources

### **Integrating Disability Art into the K-12 Curriculum: A Professional Development Outline**

From the Center for Diversified ART, this professional development outline for integrating disability art into the K-12 curriculum includes video, resources, handouts, and day/week lesson and activity guides and outlines.

<http://anitadallar.wordpress.com/2011/10/30/integrating-disability-art-into-the-k-12-curriculum-a-professional-development-outline/>

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## Funding

### **USArtists International Grant**

**DEADLINE: December 9, 2011**

USArtists International provides support for American dance, music, and theater ensembles and solo artists invited to perform at significant international festivals or engagements that represent extraordinary career opportunities anywhere in the world outside the United States and its territories. The application deadline for the second of three grant rounds of the 2012 program is Friday, December 9, 2011 for projects taking place between March 1, 2012 and February 28, 2013.

[http://www.midatlanticarts.org/funding/-pat\\_presentation/us\\_artists/guidelines.html](http://www.midatlanticarts.org/funding/-pat_presentation/us_artists/guidelines.html)

### **MetLife Foundation and the National Guild for Community Arts Education Creative Aging Program**

**DEADLINE: December 16, 2011**

MetLife Foundation and the National Guild for Community Arts Education are pleased to announce the 2012 Creative Aging Program. The goals of the program are to increase the capacity of nonprofit community arts education providers to serve older adults; expand and/or deepen existing creative aging programs of high quality; and identify exemplary creative aging programs as models for the field.

<http://www.nationalguild.org/About/NewsEvents/News/Guild-News/MetLife-Foundation-Creative-Aging-Program-Renewed.aspx>

### **Professional Development Grants**

**DEADLINE: January 13, 2012**

The Arizona Commission on the Arts offers Professional Development Grants of up to \$750 to assist individual artists, arts administrators and art educators of all levels and disciplines with expenses associated with attendance at local, national and international conferences, seminars, workshops and other such skill building activities.

<http://www.azarts.gov/grants/quick-turnaround/>

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