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the monthly newsletter of the Arizona Commission on the Arts

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## Arts Commission Maintains Level Funding for FY2015

A message from Executive Director Robert Booker

Dear colleagues,

On April 11, 2014, Governor Jan Brewer signed a \$9.23 billion budget into law for fiscal year

2015.

We are pleased to report that this budget maintains level funding for the Arizona Commission on the Arts, including the continued allocation of the current fiscal year's \$1 million from interest accrued on the state's rainy-day fund.

This success was achieved in partnership with Arizona Citizens for the Arts, the Arts Commission's Governor-appointed board and dedicated staff, statewide arts advocates and—in large part due to your quality programming and robust community impact—the support of a bipartisan coalition of state legislators who view the arts sector as worthy of investment.

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### Featured Resource

[Art Teacher Education Programs:](#)  
A directory of all the Art Teacher Education programs, broken down state by state, from more than 1,700 accredited colleges and universities across the US.

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### Important Dates

[Poetry Out Loud National Finals](#)  
Washington, DC  
April 28-30, 2014

[Organizaton and School Grant Review Panels](#)

## April is National Poetry Month!

April is National Poetry Month and in honor of the occasion, the Arizona Commission on the Arts would like to introduce some of our favorite Arizona poets. Meet [Kelly Nelson](#) (Tempe), who muses about the unusual places she finds inspiration; [BlackPoet Ventures](#) (Phoenix) describe the intersection of poetry and journalism; and [Logan Phillips](#) (Tucson) shows us a glimps of *La Otra Arizona*.

Stay tuned for a pair of very special interviews coming later this month:

**Matthew Kaplan**, a Junior at Tesseract High School in Phoenix, will be representing Arizona at the Poetry Out Loud National Finals in Washington DC. Matthew will talk about his road to the finals on April 29th.

On April 30th, Arizona's Innagural Poet Laureate **Alberto Álvaro Ríos** will share his thoughts on his first nine months as poet laureate and his recent appointment to the position of Chancellor of the Academy of American Poets.

Read these exclusive interviews at our blog, [AZArts417](#), as we continue to celebrate the art and the craft of poetry.



Kelly Nelson, 2014 Artist Research and Development Grant Recipient.

## NEA



Wickenburg Foundation for the Performing Arts, NEA Art Works Grant Recipient.

## Awards "Art Works" Grants to 15 Arizona Arts Organizations

This week, the National Endowment for the Arts announced its second round of "Art Works" grants for fiscal year 2014. 15 grants were made to Arizona arts and culture organizations, totaling \$440,000 in grant funds. For a

ASU Mercado  
May 19-22, 20104

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complete list of Arizona grantees, project descriptions and award amounts, [click here](#).

These grants support exemplary projects in thirteen artistic disciplines and fields: arts education, dance, design, folk and traditional arts, literature, local arts agencies, media arts, museums, music, opera, presenting, theater and musical theater, and visual arts.

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Linda Essig presents at Arizona Art Tank.  
*of return!*

### A Look Inside the Arizona Arts Entrepreneur Toolkit with Linda Essig

Last month, the  
Arizona Commission  
on the Arts received  
an email with the  
following subject line:

*Arizona Commission  
on the Arts seed  
grant to see 12X rate*

The email was from Linda Essig of Arizona State University's PAVE Program in Arts Entrepreneurship. In the email she described how she was able to leverage the grant her organization received through our Arizona Art Tank funding initiative to secure additional funding for their Arizona Arts Entrepreneurship Toolkit project. Linda Essig doesn't just teach Arts Entrepreneurship, she lives it.

Learn all about the Arizona Arts Entrepreneurship Toolkit and how you can be a part of its development!

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