

# Arts Education E-news



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Welcome to the February 2015 edition of Arts Education E-news! This newsletter is created by the Arizona Department of Education for updates on arts education happenings in Arizona and across the country.

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## GET READY: DRAFT ARIZONA ARTS STANDARDS GO TO STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO OPEN PUBLIC REVIEW IN MARCH!

Thanks to a wonderful Arts Standards Revision Committee, made up of teachers and community artists from across the state, a draft set of Arizona Arts Standards has been submitted to the State Board of Education. The State Board is scheduled to meet on Monday, March 23 and is expected to open the public review window for the draft standards. When the public review window is open, the Department will release information on how **you** can participate in the review of the draft standards in late March and April, including:

- Online survey
- Webinars
- In person meetings (currently planned for Flagstaff, Goodyear, Mesa and Tucson)
- Email and snail mail responses

So – Mark your calendars! And please encourage your arts educator colleagues, your parents and your administrators to participate in the review. The draft standards can only get better with your input – and the input of the community!

## UPDATES FROM ARIZONA'S PROFESSIONAL ARTS EDUCATION SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

**Arizona Art Education Association** – <http://www.azarted.org/>

**Get involved and submit a session proposal!** Our fall conference **Back to the Future: Celebrating the Past, Present, and Future of AAEA** will be in Prescott at Pine Rock Camp November 5-7. It's our 40th anniversary as a professional organization serving our members. Proposals for Hands-On Workshops and Best Practice Lectures are now being sought in order to provide our conference participants with the most valuable professional development for art educators in our state! Proposals will be submitted through our website <http://azarted.org/presenter-proposals>. The proposal is complete when 1-4 digital high resolution images are emailed to [aaea.2015conference@gmail.com](mailto:aaea.2015conference@gmail.com). Since these images will be published they must be high resolution, not camera phone snapshots.

**Reminder** – National Art Education Association's annual conference is coming up – March 26-28, 2015 in New Orleans! Click [here](#) for more information.

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**Arizona Dance Education Organization** – [www.azdeo.org](http://www.azdeo.org)

Get ready for AzDEO to host NDEO – the National Dance Education Organization's annual conference. Scheduled for October 7-11, 2015 at the Pointe Tapatio Cliffs Hilton in Phoenix, NDEO conference brings national trends, innovations and ideas right to your Arizona doorstep this year! To learn more about the conference and to get involved in helping with our state hosting, please contact Lynn Monson at [lmonson@cox.net](mailto:lmonson@cox.net).



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**Arizona Music Educators Association** – [www.azmea.org](http://www.azmea.org)



HONORING THE PAST • CELEBRATING THE PRESENT • LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Special thanks to all who attended the annual AMEA conference earlier this month!

Keep an eye out for the Spring [Arizona Music News](#) to see highlights from the conference, including photos of AMEA's statewide awardees.

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**Arizona State Thespians** - <http://arizonathespians.com/>

Check out the Arizona Theatre Teacher resources available at the Thespian website. Click [here](#) to see what connections might benefit you and your students!

## OPPORTUNITIES FROM ARIZONA COMMISSION ON THE ARTS

### Guidelines for Grants to Organizations & Schools Now Available

Grant guidelines for **Arts Learning Grants** are now available online. Arts Learning Grants provide matching funds for quality arts learning projects which support lifelong learning in, through and/or about the arts. While applications will not be accepted until February, the Arts Commission encourages prospective applicants to review the guidelines and begin preparing their application materials as early as possible. **The application deadline is Thursday, March 19, 2015.**

[Click here to learn more about the available grants and to download guidelines.](#)



To help you prepare for the Fiscal Year 2016 grant application period, the Arts Commission will be holding in-person information sessions throughout the state over the next several weeks.

[Click here for cities, dates and times.](#)

### Strengthening Schools through Arts Partnerships Call for Proposals

This Arts Commission grant program supports substantive school/community partnerships that implement initiatives aimed at effecting change in low performing schools (Arizona “D” and “F” label schools) by strengthening teaching and learning in arts education and/or arts integration. Proposals may focus on any number of effective models, and must utilize the proposed arts programming to address desired goals and outcomes in support of the school’s school improvement plan and/or capacity-building efforts. Partnerships must include at least one school and one nonprofit arts organization or governmental entity; eligible schools must be Arizona “D” or “F” label schools (based on current accountability letter grade). Either partner may serve as the primary applicant.

**The Letter of Interest deadline is Thursday, April 16, 2015** and the 2015-2016 guidelines can be found online at <http://www.azarts.gov/grants/special-initiatives/>.

## OPPORTUNITIES FROM ARIZONA’S ARTS AND EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONS



**Act One** provides field trips to performing and visual arts experiences to Title I students in Maricopa and Pima counties. Tickets to the show or exhibit, bus transportation and educational materials are included, all for only \$1 per person. Please visit <http://www.act1az.org/field-trips> for more information and to download the field trip calendar.

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## **Mesa Arts Center** - OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG AUDIENCES TO EXPERIENCE LIVE THEATER-

Committed to making the performing arts available to students, Mesa Arts Center presents its premier program for live theatre, *Performing Live for Students*. One-hour performances are available throughout the year and are accompanied by teacher resources aligned to Arizona's College and Career Ready Standards. *Interpretation is available with two weeks' notification*

Show Times: 9:30AM | 11:45AM

Admission: \$5 per student or adult

Reservations: Box Office | 480-644-6500 | [boxoffice@mesaartscenter.com](mailto:boxoffice@mesaartscenter.com)

### **Johns Tartaglia's – ImaginOcean**

March 2-3, 2015

Suggested Grades: Pre-K-2 | Piper Theater

Tank, Bubbles and Dorsel are three best friends who just happen to be fish, and they're about to set out on a remarkable journey of discovery, and it all starts with a treasure map. As they swim off in search of clues, they'll sing, they'll dance and they'll make new friends, including everyone in the audience.

### **Simply EPIK- EPIK Dance Company**

March 6, 2015

Suggested Grades: 6-12 | Piper Theater

Presenting a fresh collaboration between Arizona's premier street-fusion dance companies EPIK Dance Company combines classical training with urban disciplines. Using the bass, violin and cello, Simply Three blends classical style with today's popular songs. Together they bring a mastery of movement, sound and creativity to the stage.

### **The Gruffalo's Child** - Tall Stories Theatre Company

March 30-31, 2015

Suggested Grades: Pre-K-3 | Ikeda Theater

*The Gruffalo's Child* ignores her father's warning "that no Gruffalo should ever set foot in the deep dark wood..." but one wild and windy night she tiptoes out into the snow. After all, the Big Bad Mouse doesn't really exist. Based on the picture book by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler

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## **Crayola's Champion Creatively Alive Children Creative Leadership Grants 2015 + Webinars available on Creativity from Crayola!**

Crayola is now accepting applications for its Champion Creatively Alive Children grants. The 2015 program provides grants for innovative, creative leadership team building within elementary schools.

Each grant-winning school receives \$2,500 and Crayola products valued at \$1,000.

[More](#)



## Crayola Webinars on Visual Arts, Creativity and Literacy Planned for this spring!

*Webinars are presented by Cheri Serman, Crayola Director of Education*

### Literacy Draws Upon Art

Thursday, March 19 at 1 p.m. Eastern Time

[LEARN MORE AND REGISTER HERE](#)

Transform the way you use children's literature and think about art. Make connections between a story's text and visuals empowering you to analyze any picture book.

### Communication and Art Advocacy

Tuesday, April 28 at 12 p.m. Eastern Time

[LEARN MORE AND REGISTER HERE](#)

Become a better advocate and explore how to articulate concise, compelling advocacy messages. Learn about the Crayola Creative Leadership grants and how elementary schools throughout the US and Canada have used these grant funds to build creative capacity school-wide.

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**CherishingArts Student Artwork Competition.** Open to students grades 4-12, this artwork competition will benefit Crisis Nursery, helping raise awareness about abused, neglected and homeless children in our state. Artwork will be displayed for a year throughout the state, and cash awards are available. For more information, [click here](#). Deadline for submission of entries on the theme of "Sharing is Caring" is March 31, 2015.



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**The Phoenix Office of Arts and Culture** is encouraging submissions to our Arts Learning project category and our Festivals grant category. Schools cannot be the main grant applicant, but your partnering arts organization can apply!



- **Have a project in mind?** Give me a call, let's talk about the art form or project you are looking to start/expand, and get you in touch with an organization. You would be surprised at how many of our 160+ arts organizations are hungry for partnerships!
- **Need matching funds for your project?** Your partnering arts organization can apply with us, and you as a school or social service organization can apply with the Arizona Commission on the Arts- Arts Learning Grant, <http://www.azarts.gov/grants/organizations-and-schools/guides/>. (see above)

- **First time grant writer?** Our office is here to review your draft before you submit your application.
- **No time to write a grant?** The narrative is a max of 4 pages. You can do that in your sleep! If you count your partnering arts organization's already established mission statement and current programming, awards, and achievements, you already have a part of the grant written!

We want to support new partnerships. If you have never applied before, now is the time! If you believe you have a stellar idea, give us a call or visit our website for more information: <https://www.phoenix.gov/arts/grants-program>

**Hurry! The deadline is Monday, March 23, 2015**

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### **Arizona Humanities – new Grant opportunities with March deadline!**

Our next [Intent to Apply](#) deadline for our [Project Grants](#) is **Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>** and we do encourage proposals for teacher workshops/institutes.

We're having two upcoming grants workshops this month. One in-person at the Heard Museum and one online - details below. The in-person one might be too late for your next e-news, but I wanted to share just in case.

#### **Arizona Humanities Grants Workshop**

**Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> – 10:00-11:00am**

Heard Museum (2301 North Central Avenue Phoenix, AZ 85004)

[Click Here to Register](#) - or call 602-257-0335

*Special Guest: Dr. Eduardo Pagán, Board Member and Grants Committee Chair*

#### **Arizona Humanities Online Webinar Grants Workshop**

**Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> – 10:00-11:00am**

[Click Here to Register](#) - or call 602-257-0335

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**Nature Photography Contest: Students Invited**

# Adventures in Nature Photo Contest

OPEN TO ARIZONA  
PHOTOGRAPHERS  
AND YOUNGER

The Nature  
Conservancy

Protecting nature. Preserving life.

ARIZONA  
HIGHWAYS

Photo: "Beach Beauty" by Sara Gill

**Seeking photos that showcase Arizona's natural beauty. Subjects include: landscape, wildlife, macro subjects (e.g. flowers, plants, small creatures), people enjoying nature, and more.**

**JUDGING:** Based on technical merit (focus, exposure, composition, etc.), creativity, uniqueness, visual & emotional impact & artistic vision.

**PHOTO SIZES:** Must be at least 8 by 10 and 300 dpi (pixel dimensions 3300 X 2550 landscape or 2550 X 3300 portrait), jpeg or tif formats

**SUBMISSION:** Upload contest photos to arizonahighways.com. Website will begin accepting submissions in early January. Deadline for submission: April 10, 2015

**CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED  
WEEK OF APRIL 20, 2015.**

Winning photos will be published in the  
winning *Arizona Highways* magazine and  
Nature Conservancy's *Field Notes*.

**SPONSORS:** The Nature Conservancy  
*Arizona Highways* magazine

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**  
Tana Kappel, 520-547-3432, tkappel@nrc.org  
Check for contest updates at: nrc.org  
& arizonahighways.com

## Expect More Arizona Arts & Culture Organizations Activity Sheets

**Expect More Arizona** and a group of arts and culture organizations from around the State have launched a unique project to highlight the many learning opportunities available all around us. Each organization has identified learning activities specific to their site, with a focus on things adults can do with children, and created activity sheets that are available to download online or in hard copy at each location.

[Click here to learn more](#)



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Thank you for all that you do to support arts education in Arizona! Have information to share with arts educators in our state? Send them to [ArtsEd@azed.gov](mailto:ArtsEd@azed.gov). -newsletters are emailed monthly and posted [here](#).

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