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Welcome to the start of the school year and the August 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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2015-2016 STUDENT ARTWORK COMPETITION: I AM PROUD TO BE AN ARIZONAN

The Arizona Department of Education is proud to sponsor our 5th Annual Student Artwork Competition. Our 2015-2016 Theme: **I am proud to be an Arizonan**. Entries are due October 29– November 6, 2015.



You can find the guidelines and rules for the 2015-2016 Competition online [here](#). 2014-2015 Student Artwork is still on display at the Department’s buildings in Flagstaff, Phoenix and Tucson. Thanks again for sharing your students’ fabulous work with our employees!

NEW RESOURCES ON CLOSE READING OF THE ARTS – ARTS2GO

During the 2014/2015 school year, 15 teachers participated in a webinar-based professional development pilot with the Arizona Opera, Childsplay and the Phoenix Art Museum. Thanks to the Arts Commission, we now have a web-page where you can go and find resources from this pilot, focused on Close Reading in the Arts. Help your students build their skills (and

your own!) in how to closely observe visual art, opera and theatre. Click [here](#) to view and listen to the web resources!

UPDATES FROM ARIZONA'S PROFESSIONAL ARTS EDUCATION SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

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

Back to the Future:

Celebrating the Past, Present and Future of AAEA

Come help celebrate AAEA's anniversary and dive into art education's future in this year's conference up in the pines of Prescott.



November 5-7, 2015

At Pinerock Camp and Retreat Center in Prescott, Arizona

Please [click here to register](#) now.

PDSF RAFFLE

It's that time again: time to build the perfect basket! Each year at conference, AAEA holds a basket raffle to raise money for the **Professional Development Scholarship Fund (PDSF)**. Your generous donation will help fund professional development opportunities for art teachers around the state. Please consider donating. It's people like you that make PDSF a success!

To donate a basket, follow these 4 easy steps.

1. Select one of the following types of baskets

Past Basket: Gather items centered on a particular theme. Choose from one of the following or create your own theme. Possibilities include, but are not limited to an art period/timeframe, country/region, style of art, particular artist, an art movement or media (still life, painting, fibers, drawing, etc.)

Present Basket: This basket is all about the *now!* Put together a basket that includes everything needed to teach a great art lesson today (with minimum preparation)! Include items such as a lesson plan, books, prints, powerpoint, supplies, sample project, etc.

Future Basket: Help an art teacher build his/her art arsenal for future use. Classroom sets of art supplies and/or tools are perfect for this basket.

Fun Basket: As you guessed it, this one's about *fun!* Think teacher survival. Include items a teacher needs to survive being an art teacher. One direction to take this would be classroom needs like sticky notes, funny thoughts, push pins, fun pens/pencils, caffeine, chocolate, etc. A different direction would be at the end of the day what helps teachers to relax? Supplies or certificates for a bubble bath, dinner, movies, massage, manicure, and anything else you might think of. The possibilities are endless!!

2. Put the basket together. Please include a container (it doesn't actually have to be a basket) and **wrap it. Items should be secure and easily able to view. Attach a tag that includes a title, description, and items included in the basket.**
3. Email aaea.pdsf2015@gmail.com with any questions.

Arizona Dance Education Organization – www.azdeo.org

Dynamic Observation Workshop by Martha Eddy

When: Sunday, October 11th from 9 am.-3 pm.

Where: Point Hilton Tapatio Cliffs Resort -Courtroom K

Cost: AzDEO Members-\$75; NDEO Members-\$80; Non-Members-\$100

Dynamic Observation of Movement:

Understand your students better through careful movement observation. Learn to use the Dynamic Embodiment™ framework that combines elements of Laban Movement Analysis (BESS), BEST and the neuro-developmental principles of Body-Mind Centering® combined with Bartenieff Fundamentals (as in Brain Dance). Use this hands-on developmental and somatic information for individualized assessment and to create lesson plans. Apply the knowledge gained with any group of children or youth including those with learning, behavioral/ emotional and physical disabilities. Applications to adult education can be made.

To register, contact Lynn Monson at lmonson@cox.net for details. Deadline: **September 25, 2015**

Arizona Music Educators Association – www.azmea.org

2016 Arizona Music Educators Conference, January 29-30, 2016 Phoenix Mesa Marriott, Mesa, AZ

Help shape the 2016 AMEA Conference. **The Session Proposal form is now available!**

Suggested sessions can be:

- one or more sessions on entirely different topics (submit a separate form for each topic)
- a series of sessions on a related topic (indicate the number of sessions and their subtitles within the description)
- a panel discussion or some other type of presentation involving more than one presenter (you may include names of proposed presenters or provide information that will allow AMEA to locate participants)

Deadline for submitting session proposals for this year's conference is **October 15th, 2015**. [Submit a session here.](#)

Hall of Fame Awards – *Nominate someone today and thank them for their service to music education!*

Each year the Music Educators Association selects deserving members to the Music Educators Hall of Fame. The first Music Educator of the Year was inducted in 1964. The Hall of Fame and several new awards were created in 1989 as part of AMEA's 50th anniversary celebration.

[AMEA Music Educator of the Year](#)

[AMEA Career Award](#)

[George C. Wilson Leadership/Service Award](#)

[O.M. Hartsell Excellence in Teaching Music Award](#)

[Excellence in Music Administration Award](#)

[Raymond G. Van Diest Music Advocacy Award](#)

[William E. Richardson Retired Member Service Award](#)

[John C. Faris Honored Music Educator Award](#)

[Other Awards](#)

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

AZ Thespians has launched a new website! Click on the link above and browse the new site with great resources for you, your students and your parents. And remember to pencil in state festival, scheduled for **November 21-22** in downtown Phoenix!

Interested in exhibiting or presenting at the festival? Presenter festival registration opens August 17, 2015. You can put in a proposal as well as your tech needs at [AZ Thespian Festival Presenter Application](#).

Questions? Contact Linda Phillips at linda.phillips@arizonathespians.com

OPPORTUNITIES FROM ARIZONA COMMISSION ON THE ARTS

School Registration for Arizona Poetry Out Loud Now Open

Poetry Out Loud (POL) is a national poetry recitation contest for high schools that provides free classroom materials for teachers and scholarship opportunities for students. POL is open to all Arizona students, grades 9-12. Registration for the 2015-2016 season of Poetry Out Loud will be open through **October 30, 2015**.

REGISTER

Professional Development Grant Cycle B

DEADLINE: October 1, 2015

Professional Development Grants provide funding support to Arizona artists, arts administrators and arts educators for participation in artistic development and skills building activities or opportunities that contribute to professional growth and career development. [Click here to learn more](#)

OPPORTUNITIES FROM ARIZONA'S ARTS AND EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONS

Sign Up for the Cyber Security Awareness Poster Contest

Do you have a child or know a child in kindergarten through 12th grade? Every child in Arizona is encouraged to enter the Cyber Security Awareness Poster Contest presented by ADE and the "Helping Keep Kids Safe Online" campaign. Last year, winners were featured in a student calendar, invited to meet the Arizona Superintendent, awarded brand new tablets and much more! The deadline for submissions is **Friday, November 23, 2015**. For more information about the contest and the **associated prizes**, please visit <http://www.azed.gov/itblog/files/2015/09/poster-contest-20151.pdf>

Target Field Trip Grants

Target stores award Field Trip Grants to K-12 schools nationwide. Each grant is valued up to \$700. Applications are accepted between August 1 and 11:59 p.m. (CT) October 1, 2015.

[Click here to learn more](#)



Music Research: Download the Study, "Striking A Chord"

A new study supported by The NAMM Foundation, "[Striking A Chord](#)," shows parents and teachers are in harmony about opportunities for music education.

"Teachers and parents told us repeatedly that music is an essential part of learning, not merely an 'extracurricular activity' that can be cut when times get tough," said Peter Grunwald, President of Grunwald Associates LLC, the research firm that conducted the survey.

AZ Opera offers STUDENT NIGHT AT THE OPERA

Special tickets are available for the final dress rehearsal of every mainstage opera. These nights are reserved specifically for students to get swept away by great music and stories while enhancing classroom learning with pre and post-show presentations. Registration is required.

<u>Arizona Lady</u>	<u>Tucson Music Hall</u>	10/8/15
<u>Florencia en el Amazonas</u>	<u>Phoenix Symphony Hall</u>	11/12/15
<u>Carmen</u>	<u>Tucson Music Hall</u>	1/28/16
<u>Don Giovanni</u>	<u>Phoenix Symphony Hall</u>	2/24/16
<u>Falstaff</u>	<u>Phoenix Symphony Hall</u>	3/30/16

All performances begin at 7:00pm. Pre Performance Lectures begin at 6:00pm

Payment Information

All orders require a \$5 handling fee. Student tickets are \$5 (Title I tickets are free). All adult chaperone tickets are \$10.

Visit <https://www.azopera.org/education/student-night-opera?wssl=1> to book tickets now and please let us know if you have any further questions!

Ballet AZ offerings for schools and students!



The new school year is upon us and we are pleased to offer **Coppélia**, **The Nutcracker**, and **The Sleeping Beauty** for our student matinees this season. To register, [click here](#). *Please don't forget that we have special allowances for Title I schools.*

We also have our in-classroom presentation called **Class Warm Up** partnered with **Grand Canyon University** teaching candidates. We bring a presentation on the ballet and an arts integration lesson to your classroom for FREE. They will be scheduled 2-3 weeks before the matinee. It is an added benefit to attending our student matinees.

More information is available on these programs at www.balletaz.org.

Valley Youth Theatre – Literacy and the Arts Program available for free for Title I schools!

The school shows begin on August, 19th. As part of the Literacy and the Arts program, these students also receive a new book and an education study guide relevant to the production. To reserve seats, please contact Israel Jimenez at israel@vyt.com.

Literacy and the Arts Performances 2015-2016 Season

James and the Giant Peach

Valley Youth Theatre

Thursday, October 15 11:30AM (200 seats)

Thursday, October 22 11:30AM (200 seats)

A Winnie the Pooh Christmas Tail

Valley Youth Theatre

Thursday, December 17 9:30AM (200 seats)

Pinocchio

Valley Youth Theatre

Thursday, February 11 9:30AM (200 seats)

Thursday, February 18 9:30AM (200 seats)

Pinkalicious

Valley Youth Theatre

Thursday, April 21 9:30AM (200 seats)



Recycled Musical Instrument Program Back by Popular Demand!

Restore Arts has accepted the challenge of continuing the successful “**Old Instruments - New Life**” musical instrument recycling program that ended when **Ear Candy Charities** merged with a national nonprofit. **Restore Arts** primary mission is to reestablish the effort to collect unused instruments and connect them with music classrooms and programs that are in need. Educators know music influences all aspects of learning. To that end, the following support is available:

- Finding requested instruments – for your classroom or for a student.
- Repairing instruments – Assisting in the logistics and cost of repairing your current instrument inventory through collaborations with the arts community.
- Showcasing Talent – **Restore Arts** will assist in school concerts to both show off student skills and raise money for the music programs and instrument repairs on your campus.

How can you help?

Define your need – If you are in need of instruments or have a stash of instruments in need of repair contact us now so we can help you in time for fall classes!

Spread the word – Many faculty and families around you may know of instruments that haven’t been played in years. We will help them give “**Old Instruments, New Life**”.

Restore Arts is your partner in changing the world through music. For more information, please contact us at information@restorearts.org or visit www.restorearts.org.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Interested in receiving this e-newsletter? Email ArtsEd@azed.gov.

Thank you for all that **you** do to support arts education in Arizona! I have enjoyed serving as your Director of Arts Education for the past 12 years. The next e-newsletter will come out once the new Arts Education Specialist has been hired by the Department. – Lynn Tuttle

Have information to share with arts educators in our state? Send them to ArtsEd@azed.gov.

