



Arts Education Updates – Jan. 2021

Dear Arts Education Community,

Happy New Year! As we reflect on last year's challenges, the brightest memories were of the ways arts education continued to serve as an outlet of expression to tether us to our humanity, helped us imagine new ways of navigating the world, and kept us connected to one another across physical distance. We are honored to serve a group of dedicated arts educators and advocates who show compassion & strength during difficult times.

We hope that 2021 holds a gentle and more favorable road ahead of us. Whatever the path, we are glad to be on it together with you all. Here are a few upcoming things in 2021 we are looking forward to in the next few months:

- **2021 “Connecting Through Music” Conference** - The 2021 [Arizona Music Education Association Conference](#) will be presented ONLINE on January 29-30, 2021. The conference theme will be “Connecting Through Music.”
- **Student Showcase at the ESSA Conference** – This year's [ESSA Conference](#) February 23-24th will feature a Digital Student Performing Arts Showcase.
- **March is Arizona Youth Arts Month** - March is a time to celebrate Dance, Media Arts, Music, Theatre, & the Visual Arts in Arizona Schools. We are planning a [Virtual Art Gallery](#) in partnership with the Arizona Art Education Association. How are you planning to celebrate Arizona Youth Arts Month?

There have been a lot of great information shared on our [arts education blog](#) in the past months. We hope you will read through the featured ones in this month's newsletter.

Please reach out with any questions, ideas, or celebrations at artsed@azed.gov. We would be happy to hear from you.

Creatively yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dustin Loehr".

Dustin Loehr, Director of Arts Education & Title IV-A

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Haley Honeman".

Haley Honeman, Title IV-A Arts Education Specialist

Spotlight

[Pinnacle High School Students Create Ornaments for Display in Washington D.C.](#)

Students from Pinnacle High School in the Paradise Valley Unified School District under the guidance of art teacher Kelsey Greenland created 12 one-of-a-kind ornaments for the [2020 National Christmas Tree](#) display on the Ellipse in [President's Park](#).



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[Updated ASU Gammage Teaching Artist Roster](#)

The Molly Blank Fund Teaching Artists Program (TAP) run through ASU Gammage is designed to create teaching artists in the metro Phoenix area that have been trained in the Kennedy Center arts integration method. There are now 47 artists that have finished the program and they can be contacted directly to hire for K-12 arts-integrated residencies.



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[Arts & COVID-19 Study – 3rd Release of Preliminary Results](#)

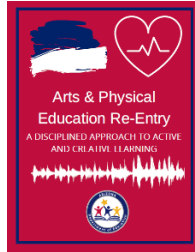
The third release of the preliminary results from the performing arts aerosol study are now available.



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[Re-Entry Guidance for Arts and Physical Education](#)

In July, the Arizona Department of Education released Arts & Physical Education Re-Entry Guidance. Over 85 arts and physical education practitioners from across the state created this guidance to provide content specific information & resources to the state.



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Student Opportunities

[ESSA Conference Digital Student Showcase – DEADLINE EXTENDED](#)

Jan. 15th

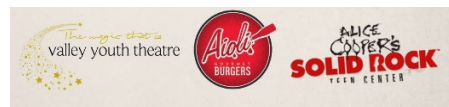
The Arizona Department of Education has extended **the deadline for student digital submissions to showcase at the 2021 ESSA Conference has been extended until January 15th by 11:59pm**. Highlight innovative way ways performing arts & interdisciplinary classrooms are engaging students in learning by leveraging digital technologies at the Virtual ESSA Conference February 23-24.



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[Rock the Mic! Contest for Teens](#)

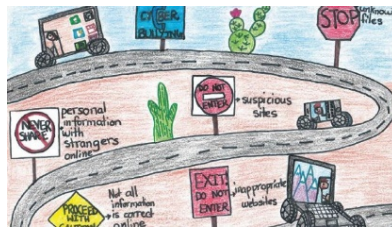
Youth ages 12-20 can create their own song and submit for the chance to win prizes!



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8th Annual Cybersecurity Calendar Contest – DEADLINE EXTENDED Jan. 29th

The 8th Annual Calendar Contest **has extended their deadline for students to submit artwork illustrating internet, social media and computer safety through art until January 29th**. Students who participate will have a chance to have their artwork published in the 2021-2022 calendar that's distributed throughout the state of Arizona AND a chance to win a prize related to technology.



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2021 Virtual Youth Art Month Showcase – DEADLINE EXTENDED

The Arizona Department of Education & Arizona Art Education Association are calling all K-12 artists for the 2021 Youth Arts Month Virtual Showcase in celebration of Youth Arts Month in March! **Submit Artwork by Friday February 5th at 11:59pm DEADLINE EXTENDED.**



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AzDEO Student Choreography Contest (Rolling Deadline October-March)

AzDEO announces its Student Choreography Contest for 2020-2021. This year's theme is: "Positivity & Resilience."



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Educator Opportunities

[BIPOC Peer to Peer Exchange Sessions](#)

This winter, the Arizona Commission on the Arts will present 4 webinars for BIPOC teaching artists & arts educators interested in exchanging best practices. Teaching artist Sarah Nieto will facilitate four sessions specific to different age groups and disciplines. This is a great opportunity to connect with peers in your area of expertise, ask questions, share ideas and build community. Feel free to join any session/s that best suit/s your practice!



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[Alt + Shift: A FREE Virtual School Program at SMOCA](#)

The Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art (SMoCA) is offering the [Alt+Shift Program](#) free to schools. This is a virtual school program best for grades 5–12.



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[NEA Big Read Program Grants](#)

Arts Midwest is now accepting applications for the 2021-2022 National Endowment for the Arts Big Read Program. The deadline to apply is January 27, 2021.



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[FREE Teachrock Resources](#)

Teachrock is delighted to share these truly outstanding free resources with you! TeachRock empowers teachers and engages students by using popular music to create interdisciplinary, culturally responsive educational materials for all 21st Century Classrooms.



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[FREE PD from the UBU Project](#)

The UBU Project is offering Free, Virtual (Zoom) Professional Development Arts Integration Workshops for your K-12 faculty, staff, admin, parents and governing boards.



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[Childsplay's FREE Virtual Field Trips](#)

Childsplay's 4 brand new virtual plays to engage students in creativity and imagination.



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[Act One Digital Arts-Based Field Trips](#)

Looking for free or low-cost digital arts-based opportunities or field trip offerings? Visit Act One's new website!



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