

Wednesday, July 21, 2021



Registration Launches for Annual Virtual Gathering

Join AEP and your arts education colleagues this **Sept. 14-15** for the 2021 Virtual Gathering! Registration is **now open** for this free two-day, interactive event. Those attending can expect the kinds of meaningful learning opportunities and connections needed to help ensure all young people have access to an excellent arts education. Build your network with arts education policymakers, partners and leaders from across the country; take part in thoughtful discussions with your colleagues; and listen and learn from the experience of others. Register now to take part in these timely arts education conversations happening at our premier annual event.

News From Our Partners and Affiliates



Call for Proposals Opens for Community Arts Education Conference

The National Guild for Community Arts Education **seeks session proposals** for its Groundwork: Healing for Community Arts Education virtual gathering. To be held over three weeks this October and November, the gathering will focus on learning content tracks such as the General Assembly Track on Healing, Creative Aging Track, Human-Centered Leadership and Management Practices Track, and Creative Youth Development Track. Reviewers encourage proposal submissions that reveal the genuine stories of practice in action, do not shy from real talk, and demonstrate the truth and vulnerability that working in authentic relationship with community requires. **Deadline: July 27.**

Arts Educator Leadership Training Program Accepting Applications

Arts Education in Maryland Schools is **now accepting applications** for its Arts Education Campaign School, a multi-year professional development program. To be held virtually from October 2021 to February 2022, the leadership development experience is open to Maryland public school arts educators, teaching artists and independent artists interested in training on how to organize and run a campaign for elected office. **Application deadline: July 30.**

Visual Arts Group Opens Submissions for Student

Scholarship

Black Girls Who Paint (BGWP) is currently accepting submissions for its **Fall '21 Student Award** scholarship. Open to Black students between the ages of 17-21 currently enrolled at least part-time in a visual arts program, the \$1,000 academic award will go to two students and will help offset the cost of art supplies, program fees, food, academic expenses and more. Those interested should submit applications by **July 31**.

Interested in learning more about BGWP? Explore their new online exhibition **Femininity Defined!**

News From The Field



Online Resources Available to Support Arts and Special Needs Educators

The Berklee Institute for Arts Education and Special Needs has launched its **Digital Learning Series**, a free collection of lectures, workshops and presentations by teachers and experts in the field of arts education for students with disabilities. This ongoing educational series may be particularly helpful for educators, arts educators, special education teachers, administrators, program leaders and visiting artists committed to deepening expertise and impact in their work.

Chicago-Based Public Art Program Now Accepting Project Proposals

In partnership with the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, Chicago's Dancemakers Forum and See Chicago Dance, Art on

theMART **seeks project proposals** from Chicago-based media and visual artists, dancers and companies who have robust practices in visual art and dance to create an original moving-image artwork and accompanying audio to be projected as part of Art on theMART, an innovative public new media art platform. The projection(s) will be a part of Art on theMART's 2022 season and will place a spotlight on Chicago's vibrant art and culture landscape. **Phase one deadline: Aug. 9.**

Registration Opens for Annual Education Grantmakers Conference

Join education funders, experts and partners to learn, connect, collaborate and build a vision for the future of learning and justice at Grantmakers for Education's annual conference. To be held **Oct. 12-22**, the event will offer in-person and virtual experiences for attendees. During the conference, attendees can expect learning and networking opportunities focused on building pathways to the equitable future we seek for young people. In-person **registration closes on Sept. 27**, while **virtual registration closes on Oct. 12**. **Learn more** about the event and register to attend!

Collaboration Corner

Connect With Arts Education Colleagues!

On the hunt for recommendations for arts education speakers or consultants with specific expertise? Interested in mentorship or knowledge-sharing on how to launch a specific type of project? It's quick and simple to have a request included in the collaboration corner. **Email** AEP Engagement Specialist Erika Hawthorne, and we will add your request in the next Digest.

This Week's Calls for Collaboration:

- AEP would like to connect more with partners and affiliates' communications staff to help foster connections among the AEP community. **Click here** to share your communications team's contact information. AEP's communications specialist will follow up periodically for

brown bag lunch sessions or other opportunities to build leadership capacity in the arts education communications field!

- [Click here](#) to request an orientation session with AEP's engagement specialist to learn more about our services and ways to engage. You can also indicate any [AEP partners](#) you are interested in connecting with, and we will invite them to the session.
 - [Click here](#) to submit ideas for AEP's blog [ArtsEd Amplified](#).
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Events

- [2021 AATE National Conference](#)
American Alliance for Theatre Education, July 21-25, Virtual Event
 - [NEA American Rescue Plan Funding Workshop for Disability-Serving Organizations](#)
National Endowment for the Arts and Rhode Island State Council on the Arts, July 23, Virtual Event
 - [NEA American Rescue Plan Funding Workshop with NEA Dance Department](#)
National Endowment for the Arts, Dance/USA and the International Association of Blacks in Dance, July 27, Virtual Event
 - [2021 NDEO Virtual National Convention](#)
National Dance Education Organization, Oct. 7-10, Virtual Event
 - [WAAE World Summit | Arts Impact: Context Matters](#)
World Alliance for Arts Education, Oct. 11-15, Virtual Event
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Career Opportunities

- [Research Manager](#) | National Assembly of State Arts Agencies, Washington, D.C.
 - [West Coast Regional Program Director](#) | Save The Music Foundation, Los Angeles, California
 - [Literary Manager](#) | Denver Center for the Performing Arts, Denver, Colorado
 - [Film Education Specialist](#) | Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, Los Angeles, California
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#ArtsEdSearch: A 2021 case study of representatives from three creative youth development orgs explores their experiences in response to the #COVID-19 pandemic in light of the shifting needs of the youth they serve.

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Have news to share?

Please submit a 100-word summary to gmiddleton@ecs.org.

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