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ODE Arts Education Updates

Sharing the Joy of Arts Education this School Year

September ushers in a variety of treasures: the excitement of welcoming new students, the beauty of autumn's landscapes, and [National Arts in Education Week!](#)

Established by Congress in 2010 through [House Resolution 275](#), this national celebration highlights the transformative impact of the arts in education, and this year it takes place September 9-13.

Join in the celebration by highlighting the importance of arts education in your community!



- **Build Community through the Arts:** Emphasize art education's role in student belonging, wellness, and community! ODE's [Integrating Oregon's Transformative SEL Standards in the Arts Guidance](#) provides a multitude of ideas to incorporate social emotional learning into your arts curriculum in all arts areas and age levels. Share these connections with other educators and staff in your school to promote arts learning across the school day!
- **Share the Benefits of Arts Education:** Share student work and highlight the importance of arts education on the school's social media platforms, newsletters, or announcements. You can find resources to assist with this in ODE's [Arts Access Toolkit](#) and [Communicating the Benefits of the Arts](#) resources.
- **Connect with Families through the Arts:** Host an event where families can participate in art activities together, such as drawing activities, dancing, or collaborative songwriting, providing the community an opportunity to learn more about the benefits of arts education. Consider the [Arts Care & Connection Lesson Collection](#) for accessible activities across all arts areas! The lessons are geared towards K-5 students, but can be adapted for families with students at all age levels, and for use with teachers and school staff.
- **Connect with Arts Education Colleagues:** Many arts educators have small or solo teams within the school. Reach out to your statewide arts education organization to connect with more colleagues, attend arts focused professional learning events, share ideas, and use your collective creative power to promote arts education!
 - [Oregon Art Education Association](#)
 - [Oregon Dance Education Organization](#)
 - [Oregon Music Education Association](#)
 - [Oregon Theatre Educators Association](#)

Enjoy the celebration this month, knowing that just by sharing the work that you already do with students, the transformative power of the arts can reach and inspire your entire school community.

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Arts Ed News, Research, and Resources

Teaching high quality, inclusive, and culturally relevant content through the arts is essential to increase equitable access to arts education for all students.

Please see below for related news and resources that may be relevant to your practice.

News and Research

- [New NEH-NEA Partnership Will Expand Data Available on Humanities and Arts and Cultural Organizations](#) National Endowment for the Humanities 8/5/24
- [SHOCASE Music Camp Hits a High Note](#) The New Era Newspaper 8/7/24
- [How one Oregon summer camp is using music to help teens explore STEM careers](#) Marketplace Morning Report 8/9/24
- ['Magic happens': Teachers from across Portland perform 'Into the Woods' in fundraiser musical](#) Lake Oswego Review 8/16/24
- [When Childrens' Theater is More Than a Play](#) East Oregonian 8/21/24
- [Tower Theatre Foundation announces 2024-25 LessonPLAN Education Series](#) KTVZ 8/22/24
- [Grants Pass School district announces South Middle School's first-ever theatre season](#) KDRV.com 8/24/24
- [Youth arts program expands to reach more rural schools on Oregon Coast](#) OPB Think Out Loud 8/27/24

Educator Resources

- The National Museum of the American Latino has released resources to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. Use these great [virtual exhibits](#) all year round to introduce students to a variety of intersectional Latino/a/e artists and changemakers!
- The State Education Association Directors of Arts Education (SEADAE) has released a new resource for K-12 arts educators. The [Customized Arts Learning \(CAL\) toolkit](#) supports personalized learning in arts education and can help support culturally responsive instructional practices in arts education, with various activities and resources.
- Eric Curtis with [Control/Alt/Achieve](#) shared an idea for new year connection with digital tools. [Learn your New Students with Google Slides](#) provides a Google Slide

template to work on with students to support knowing your students and what they would like to share about themselves!

- To promote a healthy relationship with technology for your students this year in art class, consider weaving in digital citizenship competencies such as digital storytelling and forming community agreements using ISTE's [free digital citizenship lessons for grades K-12](#).
- Explore and experiment with your new groups of students with a fun lesson from the Hirshhorn Museum - [Paint with No Rules!](#)

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Educator Opportunities



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2024 OTEA State Conference

Culturally Responsive Theatre Education: Tribal History Shared History and Utilizing Native Curriculum in the Theatre Classroom

Who: OTEA – all of us theatre educators from around Oregon, including teaching artists & arts organizations

What: Annual conference including discussions, workshop sessions, and social/networking opportunities!

Where: [Riverhouse Lodge](#) • 3075 N Hwy 97 • Bend, OR, 97703-7511

When: Friday-Saturday October 11-12, 2024, with optional evening gathering on October 10th.

Why: This is Oregon's only statewide Professional Development focused solely on theatre education which is both rejuvenating, and worthy of our time and energy as collaborative artists!

Featured Facilitator: Teresa Cisneros, Truth and Conciliation Council

Focus: Tribal History, Shared History and using Native curriculum in the theatre classroom

[Learn more and register here.](#)

Questions? Contact Julia Cuppy, Membership Director, membership@oregonthespians.org

2024 OAEA State Conference

REIMAGINE!

Join visual art educators from around the state at Grant High School on October 12th for the annual OAEA conference, REIMAGINE! This year's conference celebrates not only the transformation of the old "small" gym at Grant into a vibrant new art space but also the limitless potential for reimagining art, art education, and our roles within these evolving landscapes. To begin the festivities, an opening event on October 11th at the Schnitzer Collection Gallery in Portland will feature an AI workshop, food, and drink as well as an overview for educators about educational opportunities offered by the Jordan Schnitzer Collection. This conference aims to provide professional development, foster meaningful connections among colleagues and advocate for equitable access to quality art education for all students.

Registration for the conference opens on September 10th. Visit the [OAEA website](#) to learn more about the conference and membership benefits!



Youth Opportunities

National Call for Student Performing Artists

The U.S. Department of Education is issuing a 2024-25 Back-to-School call across the United States and its territories for student performing artists who are currently enrolled in institutions of elementary, secondary, or post-secondary education or accredited trade schools, who exemplify resilience, diversity, and excellence and are interested in showcasing their talent, virtually or in-person, at internal and external Department-hosted events.



The Department is seeking student performances such as, but not limited to, bands/marching bands, color guards, soloists, choirs, dancers, poets/spoken word artists, National Anthem singers, and theatrical performers.

They also are seeking specific talent to support the following Special Emphasis Observances implemented by Presidential Proclamations, Executive Orders ([White House Initiatives](#)) and Public Law: Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday, African American History Month, Women's History Month,

Holocaust Remembrance Day, Jewish American Heritage Month, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, LGBTQIA+ Pride Month, Disability Pride Month, Women's Equality Day, National Hispanic Heritage Month, National Disability Employment Awareness Month, National Native American Indian/Alaska Native Heritage Month.

Please utilize this [link](#) for additional information that includes Frequently Asked Questions, submission instructions, and other related guidance.

If you require a reasonable accommodation to complete your submission and/or answer any related questions, please email studentart@ed.gov.

Artist, Arts Organization and Partner Opportunities

Music Oregon Echo Fund

The Echo Fund supports independent, working musicians by funding creative, non-performance projects that support new growth and spur creative and career development. These programs are designed to support classical, world, educational, and many jazz musical projects that are composed, rehearsed, and then presented for a limited time to a finite audience.



[Learn more and apply here](#). Applications due by September 19, 2024.

Oregon Community Foundation Arts and Culture Rebuilding Program

The [Arts and Culture Rebuilding Program](#) supports the adaptive capacity of the arts and culture sector, which has been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Funding will go to arts and culture organizations to rebuild and strengthen the sector through support for general operations, capacity-building, small capital projects and new or expanding programs/projects.

Please see the [Program Guidelines](#) for more details. Applications accepted on a rolling basis until Dec 10, 2024.



The Spark Award for Oregon Artists

The James F. and Marion L. Miller Foundation believes that the arts connect us to each other in powerful and surprising ways and help us make sense of our world. By celebrating the vital role artists play in enriching the lives of all Oregonians, we recognize that artists are essential to our state's vitality.

The Miller Foundation is pleased to introduce the new Spark Award for Oregon Artists, a pilot program that will provide

direct support to 60 artists across artistic disciplines who are at a midpoint of their career. This program supports individual artists in Oregon as a valuable investment in both the artists themselves and the communities enriched by their work.

[Learn more and apply here](#). Applications due by 5:00PM PDT on October 2, 2024

Upcoming Events, Training & Conference Opportunities

All trainings are listed in Pacific Time zone unless otherwise noted.

Relevant educator opportunities:

- Arts Education Partnership (AEP) | [AEP Annual Convening](#) | Sept. 12-13 | OMNI William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, PA | [See site for details](#)
- National Association for Music Education (NAfME) | [2024 Biennial NAfME Music Research and Teacher Education Conference](#) | Sept. 25-28 | The Westin Peachtree Plaza, Atlanta, GA | [See site for details](#)
- Educational Theatre Association (EdTA) | [Theatre Education Conference](#) | September 26-29 | The Depot, Minneapolis, MN | [See site for details](#)
- National Dance Education Organization (NDEO) | [NDEO 2024 National Conference](#) | Sept. 29 - Oct. 1 | Hyatt Regency Bellevue, Seattle, WA | [See site for details](#)
- Oregon Theatre Educators Association | [2024 OTEA Conference](#) | October 11-12 | Riverhouse Lodge, Bend, OR | [See site for details](#)
- Oregon Arts Education Association | [Reimagine: 2024 Fall Conference](#) | October 12 | Grant High School, Portland, OR | [See site for details](#)
- Oregon Music Education Association | [Resonance: 2024 OMEA Annual Conference](#) | January 17-19, 2025 | The Graduate Hotel, Eugene, Oregon | [See site for details](#)

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Questions? Connections?

We welcome your submissions to [ODE's Arts Education Newsletter](#)! If you have information about events or opportunities for arts educators or students, please contact [Shannon Johnson, Arts Education Specialist](#).

In an effort to streamline the communication process, newsletters will be sent out once a month. To ensure that we can equitably share announcements from everyone, please submit your Newsletter posts no later than the 1st of each month.

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