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## **ECS Live! Session Recordings Available**

On Nov. 18 and 19, our colleagues at Education Commission of the States held ECS Live! Your Education Policy Connection. The interactive virtual event brought together policy leaders from across the country and offered thoughtful sessions on all things state education policy. From panel discussions on K-12 funding during the pandemic and supporting college students working toward degree completion to the value of social and emotional learning and equity in STEM-related policy, each session offers an opportunity to dig deeper into education issues impacting students, educators and education leaders.

All sessions **are available** on-demand for those who attended. Didn't attend but want to catch up? Click the "Get Support" link on the event page to request access.

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## **News From Our Partners and Affiliates**



### **New Report Shows Arts Effective Tool in Combatting Opioid Crisis**

The National Endowment for the Arts released a report addressing the U.S. opioid crisis and found that incorporating music into treatments for opioid use disorder can contribute significant, positive effects for patients. "**Arts Strategies for Addressing the Opioid Crisis: Examining the Evidence**" includes a literature review of 116 articles, overviews of eight ongoing programs and an examination of gaps and opportunities for further research.

### **AEP Partner Receives Education Commission of the States Annual Award**

Crayola Education was honored with the 2020 Education Commission of the States Corporate Award. The award recognizes Crayola's efforts to provide K-8 educators and school/district leaders with practical, arts-infused strategies for deepening creative thinking among students, as well as for its commitment to integrate the arts across academic disciplines. **Learn more** about the award and past recipients.

### **Arts Organization Announces Publication on Brain Development and Child Health**

The International Child Arts Foundation is pleased to present its current **special issue** of "ChildArt" quarterly produced in collaboration with the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the National Institute on Drug Abuse. The special issue focuses on NIH's Adolescent Brain Cognitive Development (ABCD) study and may be useful to K-12 educators who provide arts education.

## Grants Available for Female Opera Composers

Opera America is currently offering **Discovery Grants** to support women composers in the development of new operatic works and the advancement of their careers in the opera industry. Grant recipients will receive up to \$15,000 to cover workshops, readings, musical materials, production design, promotional materials and other associated expenses. **Intent to apply deadline: Dec. 1.**

## Deadline Approaching: Art Education Foundation Grant Program

The National Art Education Association's (NAEA) sister organization, the National Art Education Foundation, is accepting applications for five **art education grant programs**. From professional development and research projects to funding for art equipment and instructional development, foundation grants are intended to support visual art educators who are current NAEA members. **Deadline: Dec. 1!**

## New Release: Community Arts Education Benchmark Data Report

The latest edition of the National Guild's "2019 Benchmarking Data Report" is **now available!** This report contains a wealth of data to inform organization planning and budgeting and help funders and policy makers better understand the needs and impact of the community arts education field. The data, gathered from 179 Guild member organizations, is presented in easy-to-read charts and tables and includes sections on racial equity and creative aging and an analysis of salary information by organization type, type of community served and organizational budget size.

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## News From the Field



### Call for Submissions: National Youth Photography Contest

Unshuttered at the J. Paul Getty Museum and Amplifier are currently **accepting submissions** for “In Pursuit of...”, a photography contest for artists ages 13-19. The contest organizers created an informational video and accompanying lesson plan to help inspire contestants. Winners will have their work included in an exhibit in cities nationwide and in a special J. Paul Getty Museum exhibit in 2021.

**Deadline: Dec. 11.**

### New Technical Theatre for Social Justice Associate Degree Program Accepting Applications

Tony Award-winning Intiman Theatre is partnering with Seattle Central College to offer an **associate of arts degree** with an emphasis in technical theatre for social justice. This two-year, 90-credit program begins Sept. 27, 2021, and provides an equitable and affordable option for students from all backgrounds to receive hands-on training from industry professionals while working as apprentices on Intiman’s mainstage shows, presented at campus venues.

**Priority application deadline: Feb. 1, 2021.**

### Submissions Open for Western Youth Art Competition

The Western Governors' Association (WGA) is hosting the **2021 Celebrate the West** regional art competition. Open to high school students in the 19 Western states and three U.S. territories whose governors participate in the bipartisan WGA, the visual arts competition challenges eligible students to create works inspired by their states. Additionally, one participating teacher will be selected

for the WGA Chairman's Award for Outstanding High School Art Teacher, with a prize of \$300 to be awarded to the winning teacher. **Deadline: April 30, 2021.**

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## Convenings

- **National Guild Community Conversations**  
National Guild for Community Arts Education, Dec. 1-17, Virtual Event
  - **APAP | NYC+ Annual Conference**  
Association of Performing Arts Professionals, Jan. 8-12, 2021, Virtual Event
  - **Foundations Beyond School Hours 2021 National Education Conference**  
Foundations, Inc., Feb. 17-19, 2021, Virtual Event
  - **NAfME Music Research and Teacher Education Biennial Conference**  
National Association for Music Education, Feb. 25-27, 2021, Virtual Event
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## Career Opportunities

- **Executive Director** | Sitka Music Festival, Sitka, Alaska
  - **Director of Performing Arts** | Iona College, New Rochelle, New York
  - **Arts, Community and Education Project Architect** | HGA, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
  - **Artistic Director** | Live Arts, Charlottesville, Virginia
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### ArtsEdSearch

#ArtsEdSearch: A study of middle school students' empathy with the #environment within a critical place-based art education program found students increased ecological awareness and demonstrated a willingness to work for ecological change. <http://ow.ly/Y7ia50CqcIB> | #SEL #ArtsEd

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## Have news to share?

Please submit a 100-word summary to [gmiddleton@ecs.org](mailto:gmiddleton@ecs.org).

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