AEP Annual Convening to Explore Equity in the Arts

AEP believes that we can collectively advance arts in education for all students when education leaders learn and work together. This year’s Annual Convening provides opportunities for attendees to hear from arts; education; and diversity, equity, inclusion and access leaders and change-makers on key DEIA topics, including a closing plenary session and multiple concurrent sessions. During the dialogue-based, A Long Conversation: Advancing Equity in the Arts and Education plenary, experts working in DEIA will share their individual perspectives on the way forward. Concurrent sessions will explore these topics on a state-level through work taking place in schools across the country.

Not yet registered? Click here to secure your spot today!

Grant to Help Expand Professional Development for Tennessee Teachers

The Austin Peay’s Center of Excellence for the Creative Arts will use the $10,000 grant — awarded by the National Endowment for the Arts as part of its Arts Engagement in American Communities program — to grow the university’s partnership with the Clarksville school system and provide educators with arts-based workshops led by teaching artists.

Nominations Open: George N. Parks Leadership in Music Education Award

The National Association for Music Education and Music for All are accepting submissions for this annual award that recognizes a band director for their exemplary leadership and dedication to their students, among additional criteria. Deadline to submit a nomination: Sept. 6.

Registration Open: 2019 National Dance Education Organization Conference

This year’s conference — The Creative Process: Choreography, Choice-Making and Communication, taking place Oct. 23-26 in Miami — includes master classes, workshops and presentations exploring timely topics, practices and research within the dance education field.
Programming includes sessions that explore student participation in dance from early childhood through postsecondary education, professional development for educators and community engagement. **Regular registration rates end Aug. 28.**

### NEWS FROM THE FIELD

#### New Funding to Increase Access to Arts Education for South Carolina Youths

Arts organizations and schools across the state received funding for arts education programming as part of South Carolina Arts Commission’s $4.4 million 2020 funding cycle. Funded projects will provide youths from across grade levels with opportunities to explore different arts disciplines, and include a visual arts camp, a mobile media literacy technology lab, and professional theatre and STEAM education for Title 1 schools.

#### New Multi-Year Grant Awards to Support Creative Youth Development Music Programs

The **Lewis Prize for Music** is accepting letters of interest from leaders of CYD music initiatives and organizations that provide high-quality, out-of-school music education for youths. The Lewis Prize for Music will announce three recipients of the $500,000 multi-year grants in January 2020. **Deadline to submit a letter of interest: Sept. 16.**

#### Miami Area Students to Participate in Free Music Classes

Genesis Motor America awarded the Miami Music Project with a $100,000 education grant to help increase access to arts learning through the expansion of MMP's music training and performance program. Through a partnership with local musicians and schools, MMP's programs provide under-resourced youths with access to no-cost, after-school music classes.

### CONVENINGS

- **REGISTER NOW! 2019 AEP Annual Convening**
  Arts Education Partnership, Sept. 11-12, Alexandria, Va.
- **NASA 2019 Leadership Institute**
  National Assembly of State Arts Agencies, Sept. 18-20, Providence, R.I.
- **EdTA 2019 National Conference**
  Educational Theatre Association, Sept. 19-22, Brooklyn, N.Y.
- **AATE – Youth Voices: Activism Through Theatre**
  American Alliance for Theatre and Education, Oct. 18-20, Berkeley, Calif.
- **2019 ASN Annual Conference**
  Arts Schools Network, Oct. 22-25, Jacksonville, Fla.
  National Dance Education Organization, Oct. 23-26, Miami, Fla.
- **National Guild for Community Arts Education – 2019 Conference for Community Arts Education**
  National Guild for Community Arts Education, Oct. 30 – Nov. 2, Austin, Texas
- **2019 NAfME National Conference – Amplify the Future of Music: Opening Doors for All Students**
  National Association for Music Education, Nov. 6–10, Orlando, Fla.

If you are an AEP partner and would like to feature an upcoming event, please visit the **AEP Partner Calendar** page.
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Fourteen states require state-, district- or school-level assessment of student learning in the arts.

Explore arts education policies in your state using ArtScan.

Creative Youth Development: Transforming the Learning Environment

This Education Trends report explores the design and impact of CYD programs — including examples of successful programs across the country — and provides policy considerations for states looking for ways to narrow the achievement gap and support student success.

The Arts Education Partnership at Education Commission of the States is established through a cooperative agreement between the National Endowment for the Arts and the U.S. Department of Education. AEP serves as the nation’s hub for individuals and organizations committed to making high-quality arts education accessible to all U.S. students, improving arts education practice and researching how art influences and strengthens American education.

AEP’s efforts to communicate, collaborate, convene and connect policymakers, stakeholders and leaders across the arts in education field are supported by the following foundation partners: The Hewlett Foundation and The Wallace Foundation.

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