

Wednesday, April 28, 2021



Registration Reminder: AEP's Concurrent

Session Proposal Design Workshop

Don't miss the chance to refine your AEP Virtual Gathering concurrent session proposal. Tomorrow, **April 29 from 2-3 p.m. EDT**, Mary Dell'Erba and Jamie Kasper will host a virtual workshop to share tips on crafting a competitive concurrent session proposal for this year's AEP Virtual Gathering. At the end of the session, Mary and Jamie will field additional questions from workshop attendees about the proposal process. [Click here](#) to register for this session!

We hope you will join us and share this opportunity with your networks. If you have any additional questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to [Mary Dell'Erba](#).

Success Stories

New Priority Area

COVID-19 Innovations and Responses

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AEP Shares Success Stories From Arts

Educators Who Innovated During Pandemic

This month, we released five interviews with arts educators across the country who responded to challenges faced during the pandemic with remote learning innovations to engage students effectively. Learn about these inspiring stories in a [recent blog post](#) from AEP Director Jamie Kasper, and dig into this new Success Stories focus area.

SAVE THE DATE!

AEP Partner Webinar

MAY 12 | 2:00 - 3:30 P.M. ET

Engage With Your Colleagues at Upcoming Partner Webinar!

Join us on **May 12** for our next quarterly partner webinar series. Held **2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. EDT** — with optional office hours starting at 3 p.m. EDT — each webinar is designed to increase engagement and knowledge-sharing and will feature sharing sessions for partners and affiliates to highlight your organization's work and connect in breakout sessions. Foundations, Inc. and Teaching Artist's Guild will lead breakout sessions. We welcome all AEP partners and affiliates working at various levels of the arts education ecosystem to join this conversation. **Register today** for this opportunity to build connections with others in the field.

Please contact **Krystal Johnson**, our project manager, with questions. We hope to see you there!

 **News From Our Partners and Affiliates**



2021 Musical Theater Songwriting Challenge for High School Students Opens for Submissions

The National Endowment for the Arts and the American Theatre Wing are now accepting submissions to the 2021 Musical Theater Songwriting Challenge. This national contest is for high school students with a passion for writing songs that could be part of a musical theater production and the wide range of musical styles represented in contemporary musicals. Selected winners will receive coaching and a host of other support which will culminate in their song's debut on iHeartRadio Broadway. [Learn more](#) about this competition today! **Deadline: May 17.**

Upcoming Webinar Shares Creative Placemaking Work for Positive Community Change

On **April 29 at 3 p.m. EDT**, Americans for the Arts is hosting "[Using Creative Placemaking to Lay the Groundwork for Lasting Community Change](#)," a webinar featuring two unique, local creative placemaking projects that received funding for their work through the Arts Endowment's Our Town grant program. Speakers will discuss how creative placemaking work can help establish new and lasting ways of working toward community goals, with arts and culture in the mix. Attendees can leave the event with tangible examples of how to leverage arts and culture in their communities to address community goals.

Deadline Approaching for National Dance Education Awards

The National Dance Education Organization is still [accepting nominations](#) for exceptional dance educators. Award categories include Lifetime Achievement, Outstanding Leadership, Outstanding Dance Education Researcher and Outstanding Dance Educator in Higher Education. NDEO will honor award recipients at a virtual National Awards Ceremony in September 2021 prior to

this year's National Conference. **Deadline for nomination submissions: May 3.**

Register Now for Interactive Webinar Focused on Indigenous Students in Education

Join the California Alliance for Arts Education on **May 5, 3:30 p.m.-5 p.m. PDT**, for an interactive webinar that will (re)contextualize the lived experience of many Indigenous students in the North-West Region of California public schools today. This event will center the voices of Hupa, Karuk and Yurok Indigenous artists and educators working to understand and meet the needs of students by employing culturally sensitive, trauma-informed and arts-based practices. Participants will engage in personal reflection and group discussion designed to advance their skills as an ally to and advocate for Indigenous students. **Register today!**

Arts Educator Leadership Capacity Building Opportunity Now Available

Arts Ed Collaborative is **accepting applications** for its 2021 Leadership Academy. The academy will offer selected educators a space to explore new artforms, make connections with arts and culture professionals and teaching colleagues and develop a structured action plan to strengthen arts education in participants' districts or organizations. The 2020–21 cohort members will craft action plans and learn additional ways to build equity and racial justice into arts education curriculum. **Deadline to apply: May 7.**

News From The Field



Dance Teacher Training Classes Available Online

The National Dance Institute Collaborative's Teacher Training Tuesdays returns next month.

This teacher training guest series runs from **May 4-18** and will include workshops led by Jerron Herman, Luis Salgado, and *STOMP*'s original cast member Fiona Mills and former cast member Jason Mills. Attendees can expect to experience these experts' artistry and learn about their teaching practices. Learn **more** about registration for these experiential trainings!

California Bay Area Radio Station Announces Opportunity for Media Literacy Leaders

KQED's Media Literacy Innovators program is now **accepting applications** from eligible educators in the field. Media Literacy Innovators support their fellow educators through resource sharing, training and engagement in person, online and in their local communities — on a regional and national level. Educators who are selected will also be eligible for nomination for the PBS Digital Innovator All-Stars program. Learn more, and **apply by May 9** for consideration!

Arts Education Leader Highlights Student Access to High-Quality Music Education

San Diego Union-Tribune recently shared the perspective of The Lewis Prize for Music chief executive officer, Dalouge Smith, on the need to maintain focus on quality arts education experiences as students navigate the COVID-19 pandemic. This piece may be useful for education leaders and policymakers who are interested in taking specific actions to prioritize the arts for youth. Explore it **here**.

Convenings

- **Opera Conference 2021**
Opera America, May 10-27, Virtual Event

- **League of American Orchestras 76th National Conference**
League of American Orchestras, June 7-17, Virtual Event
 - **Americans for the Arts 2021 Annual Convention**
Americans for the Arts, June 8-11, Virtual Event
 - **2021 International Thespian Festival**
International Thespian Society, June 22-25, Virtual Event
 - **2021 AATE National Conference**
American Alliance for Theatre Education, July 21-25, Virtual Event
 - **2021 NDEO Virtual National Convention**
National Dance Education Organization, Oct. 7-10, Virtual Event
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Career Opportunities

- **Executive Director** | National Guild for Community Arts Education, New York, New York
 - **Summer Arts Educator Positions** | Dramatic Results, Signal Hill, California
 - **Education Department Coordinator** | Academy Museum of Motion Pictures, Los Angeles, California
 - **Director of Fine Arts** | McAllen Independent School District, McAllen, Texas
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ArtsEdSearch

#ArtsEdSearch: Participating teachers reported that IDEA training improved instructional practice, including their ability to design lesson plans, assessment methods & effectiveness at meeting a wide diversity of student needs.

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Have news to share?

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

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