

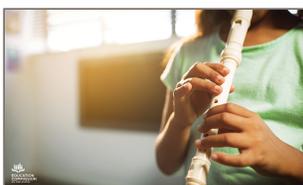


Registration Open! 2019 AEP Annual Convening

We hope you can join us — and your arts and education colleagues — for **our premier event**, taking place Sept. 11-12 in Alexandria, Va. Attendees will gain knowledge and tools for advancing their work and build broader and stronger connections in the arts in education community. The **2019 AEP Annual Convening** will focus on the role and contribution of the arts in addressing the priority areas outlined in *The Arts Leading the Way to Student Success: A 2020 Action Agenda for Advancing the Arts in Education*.

Space is limited and a restricted number of hotel rooms are available at the discounted conference rate, so we encourage you to **register early** and take advantage of the early-bird rate!

NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS



State Data Shows Likelihood of Students Playing Instruments Outside of School

This recent post on Education Commission of the States' *Ed Note* blog explores disparities in instrument playing by grade level, gender, family income and race or ethnicity revealed by the 2017 Nation's Report Card.

Call for Submissions: VSA Emerging Young Artists Program

The Department of VSA and Accessibility at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts is accepting entries from **emerging young artists with disabilities** and across arts disciplines for this juried exhibition. The winning artists will have their work featured in a national, traveling exhibition and will participate in a professional development workshop.

Schools Receive Top Honor for Theatre Education

The Educational Theatre Association announced four schools in three states — Kansas, South Carolina and Washington — as recipients of its annual **Outstanding School Award**. The award honors schools with exemplary programs that promote high standards of quality in educational theatre. This year's recipients received recognition for their community outreach, collaborative environments and innovative instruction, among other work.



Nonprofit Provides Access to Arts Education for Students With Disabilities

Massachusetts-based **Community Access to the Arts** works to engage people with disabilities living in the state, as well as in upstate New York, in arts education through community partnerships. CATA currently partners with seven school districts in Berkshire County. Participants learn from CATA staff, as well as faculty artists working across arts disciplines.

A Look at How One School District Is Increasing Funding for Arts Education

Through a partnership with Anderson Oil, **Barnwell School District 45** in South Carolina will receive one cent for every gallon of gas purchased from a designated pump, with funds supporting arts education programs. The district celebrated the debut of the new gas pump with a performance from chorus students and an exhibition of student artwork.

Art Exhibit Celebrates the Work of Teachers

The **"Rock the Bus" annual exhibit**, taking place in Pitt County, N.C., gives visual arts teachers the chance to share their personal art work and highlights their talents as working artists. This year's exhibit features work from 20 teachers who represent more than 10 schools, with participating teachers receiving a contribution to their school's arts education budget.



- **REGISTER NOW! 2019 AEP Annual Convening**
Sept. 11-12, Alexandria, Va.
- **CAPE: Space and Identity in Art and Learning Symposium**
Chicago Arts Partnerships in Education, June 1, Chicago, Ill.
- **2019 League of American Orchestras National Conference: "MUSIC CentriCITY"**
League of American Orchestras, June 3-5, Nashville, Tenn.
- **Dance/USA 2019 Annual Conference**
Dance USA, June 12-15, Cleveland, Ohio
- **Opera America – 2019 Annual Conference**
Opera America, June 12-16, San Francisco, Calif.
- **2019 Americans for the Arts Annual Convention**
Americans for the Arts, June 13-16, Twin Cities, Minn.
- **2019 National PTA Convention and Expo**
National PTA, June 20-23, Columbus, Ohio
- **CCSSO – National Conference on Student Assessment**
Council of Chief State School Officers, June 24-26, Orlando, Fla.
- **2019 Chorus America Conference**
Chorus America, June 26-29, Philadelphia, Pa.
- **Registration Open! 2019 National Forum on Education Policy**
Education Commission of the States, July 10-12, Denver, Colo.

If you are an AEP partner and would like to feature an upcoming event, please visit the **AEP Partner Calendar** page.



- **Associate Director, Art Museum Development**, Princeton University, Princeton, N.J.
- **Director, H. Ric Luhrs Performing Arts Center**, Shippensburg University, Shippensburg, Pa.

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Forty-two states require school districts or schools to provide or offer arts instruction in one or more arts disciplines at the elementary and middle school levels.

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Featured Resource

Music Matters

This **updated resource** explores the demonstrated effects of music education and how it helps students develop the foundational capacities for lifelong success.

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