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CAAA News

CAAA Executive Director Report

Although the Fox 61/CAS arts student recognition program has been discontinued due to lack of sponsorships, CAAA is collaborating with CAS to continue a program for Arts student recognition. More details to be announced soon.

CAS High School Arts Awards

Please watch for the opportunity to submit two high school arts students to the virtual CAS High School Arts Awards Banquet to be broadcast on Fox61. Information is

usually sent to principals, but will be sent to you from CAAA as well.

Our President, Dee Hansen will be a guest speaker at the CAS Elementary Celebration of the Arts on Tuesday, March 30th

The CAAA Summer Arts Institute

The institute will take place virtually this year on July 5-8. This is a great opportunity to create and/or revise your arts curriculum with guidance and

direction from experienced arts curriculum writers.

Special sessions on SEL and Social Justice

will be included this summer. The Registration form is under construction and will be on the CAAA website and sent out when it is ready.

Two Graduate credits for this course are available from the University of Hartford.

CAAA and NafME Collaborations and the USDE

In preparation for Dr. Miguel Cardona's hearing by the U.S. Senate for his position as Secretary of Education, Lynn Tuttle, Director of Public Policy, Research and P.D., and Matt Barusch, the State Advocacy Engagement Manager from the National Association for Music Education reached out to CAAA for our perceptions and

experiences with Dr. Cardona. Along with other national arts -organizations they are formulating policy positions for the arts in education. Brian Cyr, K-12 Fine Arts Coordinator for the Meriden Public Schools, teaches Dr. Cardona's children and was able to provide insights and confirm Dr. Cardona's strong support

of the arts. NafME will release a blog post this week about their conversation and also information about the Deputy Secretary nomination of Cindy Marten, Superintendent of San Diego Unified School District. She is described as an "authentic" and "true supporter of the arts."

February 11, 2021 CAAA Site Visit Waterbury Public Schools

Zoom Invitation will be sent Friday and again 2 days prior to the meeting

8:30 a.m. Brief Welcome/introductions. Holly Maxson introduces Waterbury Assistant Superintendent Darren Schwartz.

8:40 a.m. Holly Maxson, Waterbury Public Schools Supervisor of Fine Arts gives an overview of the district (number of schools, students, breakdown of arts teachers), scheduling of art and music, any unique Arts Programs, WAMS, Demographics, Normal School Program and then Covid-adjusted year program, challenges and successes, future plans, etc.

Waterbury Arts Teachers share presentations:

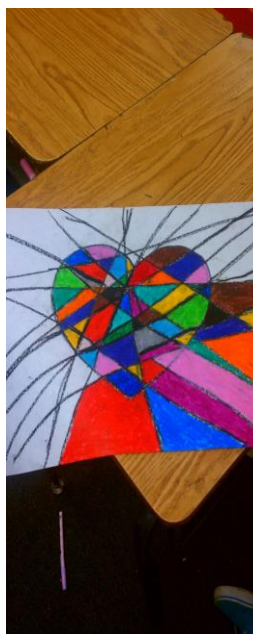
9:00 a.m. Teacher share presentations: Reuel Comacho- Chorus grades 6-8

9:20 a.m. Corrin Zareck--Visual art grades 4-8

9:40 a.m. Jeff Moro Digital--Music grades 6-12

10:00 a.m. Marly Parker Arts Integration Specialist--Theatre grades K-5 pre-recorded presentation shared by Holly Maxson

10:20 a.m. Final Q&A Wrap-up and conclusion.



Exciting Opportunities for Students

The Hartford Symphony Orchestra and The Hartt School at the University of Hartford are proud to sponsor a free solo festival for Connecticut high school musicians!

"It is a free educational opportunity for all high schools in Connecticut. Teachers will submit their students' video performances. Instrumental solos are from the CMEA repertoire lists. Vocal solos can be classical from the CMEA lists or open genre. All vocal solos must be performed with an accompaniment." See Attachment for flyer.

Making Music at the Mark Twain House

There are a variety of projects offered that music programs may engage in. When projects are complete, educators can submit their students' work to be posted on the museum's website and embedded directly into the free virtual museum tour. Student work will have a national audience and also help tell newer and richer stories that demonstrate the important role that music plays in understanding the lives of people in the past.

<https://marktwainhouse.org/event/music-and-connection-in-twains-world-and-in-ours/>

Arts Aerosol Research Update

Suggested revisions to Addendum 7 will be reviewed this month by the governor's Covid Task force. As soon as the revised wording is available, we will email to CAAA mail list.

Here is a link to a PSA from CSDE and CAS (Connecticut Association of Schools). It reminds Arts students to "mask up" and engage in safe practices so that we can get back to the Arts in our schools. Please do share this with your administration, students, and families!

<https://vimeo.com/503541344>

UPCOMING EVENTS

CMEA PD Sessions

Equity in Music Education

Virtual Professional Development Day

Saturday, February 6, 2021

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Workshop questions to prof-dev@cmea.org
Billing questions to executive@cmea.org

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ARTS ADVOCATES Awards Breakfast

May 13, 2021

Our annual Arts Advocates Award Breakfast may be virtual or in-person! Nominations will open on April 1. Honor and thank your administrators, parents, teachers, and others for supporting you!

CAAA Summer Arts Institute

July 5-9, 2021 University of Hartford

Our annual arts institute will provide guidance, resources, and networking for arts curriculum development and innovative instruction. See the CAAA website for details!

Registration Form TBA



February CABA Newsletter: Attached

State Arts News

Announcing the March 2021 Women and Girls in the Arts Facebook Gallery!

The Governor's Council on **Women and Girls STEAM Arts in Education** Group has created an exciting, multi-platform social media event to coincide with the March 2021 Women's History Month. Every day this March, a prominent female artist will be showcased. This diverse group of artists represent local and national performers, authors, visual artists, and designers.

In celebration of Women's History Month, please consider incorporating the Gallery into your classroom experiences.

Join us at:

Facebook -

[@WomenandGirlsInTheArts](https://www.facebook.com/WomenAndGirlsInTheArts/)
<https://www.facebook.com/WomenAndGirlsInTheArts/>

Instagram -

[WomenandGirlsInTheArts](https://www.instagram.com/womenandgirlsintheartarts/?hl=en)
<https://www.instagram.com/womenandgirlsintheartarts/?hl=en>

Twitter - @WomenGirlsArts

Featured Artists & Dates

March 1st - Lucia Chase - Ballerina

March 2nd - Elizabeth Peyton - Iconic Portrait Painter

March 3rd - Sister Souljah - Author/Musician/Filmmaker

March 4th - Kerri Quirk - Connecticut Based Painter

March 5th - Ruth Sanderson - Children's Book Illustrator

March 8th - Jocelyn Pleasant - Percussionist

March 9th - Suzanne Collins - Author

March 10th - Joan Sidney - Poet and Author

March 11th - Harriet Beecher Stowe - Author

March 12th - Elizabeth M. Gilbery - Author

March 15th - Ellen Carey - Conceptual Photographer

March 16th - Billie Holiday - Jazz and Swing Music Singer

March 17th - Rosalyn Cama - Interior Designer

March 18th - Brandee Young - Harpist

March 19th - Stephanie Meyer - Author

March 22nd - Nina Simone - Singer/Songwriter

March 23rd - Charmagne Glass Tripp - Vocalist/Lyricist

March 24th - Cynthia Lyon - Pianist/Band Leader/Musician

March 25th - Theodate Pope Riddle - Architect

March 26th - Julissa Rodriguez - Percussionist/Visual and Performing Artist

March 29th - Takara Matthews - Dancer/Designer

March 30th - Anna-Lou "Annie" Leibovitz - Photographer

March 31st - Katharine Hepburn - Actress

If you have any questions about the Gallery, contact Jackie Coleman, Senior Community Impact Officer at the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, at JColeman@hfpg.org, and/or Melissa Hickey, Reading/Literacy Director at the Connecticut Department of Education, at Melissa.Hickey@ct.gov

We sincerely hope this initiative is far reaching and serves to inspire women and girls throughout the state of Connecticut to embrace their artistic talents

"Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once we grow up."

Pablo Picasso

JOB OPENINGS

Date Posted: **1/8/2021**

Location: **REGIONAL CENTER FOR THE ARTS**

Date of Availability: **07/01/2021**

Cooperative Educational Services (CES) seeks a **Principal for the Regional Center for the Arts (RCA) Interdistrict Magnet School and Open Choice Coordinator**. Candidates must hold an intermediate administrator certificate (092) in the State of Connecticut and have experience as an administrator and as a teacher. Candidates with three or more years of supervisory/administrative experience and a Sixth Year in Administration and Supervision are preferred. This is a 12-month, full time position.

Start Date: July 1, 2021 Salary Range: to be determined based on qualifications and experience. Apply online at www.ces.k12.ct.us. Applicants must include a letter of intent, resume, official transcripts, and at least 3 reference letters

Waterbury Bravo the largest educational initiative of the Waterbury Symphony Orchestra, is seeking enthusiastic and well-rounded Teaching Artists for its after-school music education program. See attached flyer for more information

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CAAA Mission

"To assist those responsible for local arts education programs in their efforts to ensure that all students have access to quality education in all of the Arts."

To this end the purposes of CAAA are:

- To provide leadership to develop and support quality Arts education programs for all of Connecticut's students.
- To collaborate with national, state, and local organizations to achieve world-class state and national standards in arts education.
- To serve as a forum for communication and collaboration on arts education issues between leaders of K-12 programs, community arts organizations, state agencies, and higher education (including teacher preparation).
- To serve as a support network for sharing information, innovations, and strategies among school arts administrators.
- To provide professional growth opportunities for leaders of arts education programs.

