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MDOE arts ed newsletter



GREETINGS FROM ARGY'S CUBBY

with a view of the STATE HOUSE DOME at the Department of Education

STUDENT ART EXHIBITS

Since February of 2003 the Maine Dept. of Education has been exhibiting art work in Augusta on the 5th floor of the Cross Office Building (location of MDOE offices). Your students art work can be part of this opportunity. If you'd like to learn more please contact me argy.nestor@maine.gov and I will be glad to send you the details or you can contact Elaine Briggs, who is responsible for the exhibit. elaine.briggs@maine.gov or 624-6711.

AMERICANS FOR THE ARTS

YOU simply MUST check this out. www.artsusa.org/public_awareness/the_ads/
The Americans for the Arts have launched a National Arts Education Public Awareness Campaign. This is part of their latest phase of *The Arts. Ask for More.* PSA campaign. The ads encourage parents to "feed their children the arts" with a bowl of "Raisin Brahms" or a serving of "VanGoghgart". You can see or hear the ads by going to the link above.

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"Mona Lisa is the only beauty who went through history and retained her reputation."

Will Rogers

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PROF DEV OPPORTUNITIES

**“Composing Together” being offered at USM. The purpose is to help teachers develop and implement composition activities for novice, intermediate and advanced composers in general music, band, chorus and orchestra-K-12. For more info: www.usm.maine.edu/summer/gradmusic/composing/

** Music 462E, Jazz “Improvisation for Music Educators”, UMA, 2-week, 3-credit summer course to help develop and strengthen students’ skills in jazz improv & to sharpen teacher skills, for beginners and advanced. Mon., Wed., Fri., July 7-18th. Instructor: Richard Nelson, Ass. Dean Professor of Music. More info: richardn@maine.edu
To register: 621-3000.

**Summer courses being offered at Heartwood Reg. Theater Company. For more info: heartwoodrtc@roadrunner.com

**Online Class at the Met: “Global Perspectives”, July 14-Aug. 1. To learn more: <http://www.metmuseum.org/events/teachers>

**Metals Class with Lynda McCann Olson, June 21, 11-3, \$95., for more info: Lynda.M.Mccann-Olson@msad51.org

STUDENT OPPORTUNITY

Weekly children (\$50) and youth (\$60) choruses, July 2-Aug. 27th, Lincoln Street Center, Rockland. Register: 701-5008 or for more info contact Beverly Pacheco pacheco@gwi.net

DRUM SHOP DRUM CLINIC

The Falmouth High School Music Dept. is hosting the Steve Smith Drum Clinic sponsored by the Drum Shop in Portland. Tues., June 10, 7:00PM, \$12. in the FHS Theater. For more info call the Drum Shop: 874-6630.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

**Dollar General’s Back-to-School Grants provide funding to assist schools in meeting some of the financial challenges they face in implementing new programs, or purchasing new equipment, materials or software for library or literacy programs. Deadline: June 12th, for the app: www.dollargeneral.com/Community/Documents/Back-to-School%20grants%20application%202008.pdf

**Nature of Learning Grant Program. Deadline: June 16th. The Nat. Fish & Wildlife Foundation seeks applications from organizations interested in initiating the Nature of Learning in their communities. Preference will be given to start-up programs that can demonstrate a commitment to sustaining the program over time. First year grants available for \$10,000 each, 2nd year follow-up grants, up to \$5,000 are available. NFWF website for details and app: <http://www.nfwf.org/>

**“Staples Foundation for Learning Grants for Disadvantaged Youth”. Grants available with an emphasis on disadvantaged youth. Maximum award:

\$25,000. Eligibility: 501(c)3 organizations. Deadline: June 16th. For more info: <http://www.staplesfoundation.org/foundapplication.html>

**Through support from National Board for Professional Teaching Standards and the Maine Education Association, 100 grants are available if you are interested in pursuing Nat. Board Cert. or the *Take One!* process. To be eligible, teachers must visit www.nbpts.org and become a candidate. For more info please contact Ellen Holmes @ ellen.holmes@maine.gov

**Mattel Children’s Foundation: Domestic Grantmaking Program. Support is provided to nonprofit organizations to address the needs of children, birth-age 12. Application deadline: July 15th. More info: http://www.mattel.com/about_us/philanthropy/cj_mcf_philanthropy_grantmaking.asp