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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

BACK TO SCHOOL TIME!

Students and teachers have returned to the classroom this week in Aroostook County! If you teach in the county, best wishes for a great year. If you are still enjoying the last few days of summer, I hope they are wonderful! As you begin a new school year please include in your prof. dev. goals learning about the 21st century skills and knowledge. Technology is certainly an integral part of 21st century skills but there is so much more. If you haven't read Daniel Pink's "A Whole New Mind",

I recommend it as a place to start. I have created a new page at the MDOE Visual and Performing Arts site called "Podcasts/Links and Articles". It has several good 21st Century pieces of information. Please check it out at <http://www.maine.gov/education/lres/vpa/podcast/index.html>

The booklet to help guide you to establish Gifted and Talented programs for Visual and Performing Arts students is located on the Arts Education Resources page at <http://www.maine.gov/education/lres/vpa/standards.html>

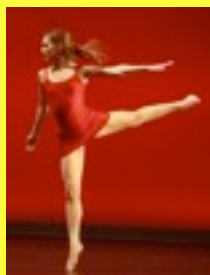
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"Those who dance are thought mad by those who hear not the music."

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DANCE NEWS

**I recently attended the final performance of the Bates Dance Festival at Bates College in Lewiston. Almost 100 Maine young dancers, ages 6-17 delighted the audience with their lively and fun dance and musical performance. I had the opportunity to visit a few days before the finale while the young dancers and their teachers were rehearsing. It was magical to be part of the environment. I am creating two more pod casts on the work they have been doing at the Bates Dance Festival. You can access those pod casts to learn more about the program on iTunes.

**An evening of dance at The John Ford Theater at Portland High School, featuring emerging choreographers. Aug. 15 and 16th, for more info or tickets call 772-9671.

**Erma Colvin is working towards dance certification and just completed an interesting online class with the University of Phoenix. Please contact Erma if you'd like to learn more erma3_04574@yahoo.com

JOB OPENINGS

**Colorado Department of Education Arts Specialist position. Responsible for Pre-K through post secondary initiatives within the Department of Education. Applications due Fri., Aug. 15th. For more info go to #1013 www.cde.state.co.us/cdemgmt/HR/jobs.htm

**Chorus Director needed for the Mollycokett Chorus, rehearsing in Oxford. This is a chorus of 15 dedicated woman who enjoy the camaraderie of barbershop singing. For more info visit www.mollycokettchorus.org or call 364-4102.

STAKEHOLDERS CONVENED

The legislature has convened a Stakeholders committee to make recommendations for Chapter 127 which includes the high school graduation requirements. Representatives from the Arts are Basic Coalition have been attending meetings as audience members. Updates of the meetings are being posted on the Maine Alliance for Arts Ed. website at <http://www.maineartseducation.org/> If you have questions or comments about the work or would like them to be passed on to the committee please contact Carol Trimble at ctrimble@maineartseducation.org

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

**Bangor Symphony Youth Orchestra auditions will be held on Sunday, Sept. 7th at the Class of 1944 Hall, University of Maine, Orono. For more information please call 244-7193 or email redmondson@barhr.com
**Pinwheels for Peace was started by two art teachers from Florida. Your students can participate in the worldwide event on Sept. 19th. To learn more go to www.pinwheelsforpeace.com/

Brewer High School art teacher Randy Menninghaus, has participated with her students for 4 years. Feel free to contact her for more information as well at RMenninghaus@breweredu.org

CONGRATULATIONS

Community Health and Counseling Services' Karen Hartnagle was awarded a grant from the Dana Foundation and a private donor to send 5 artists to The National Dance Institute. Joining Karen in NYC for the two week training program were Andrea Stark, A.J. Mooney, Stevie Dunahm, Maureen Robinson, and Laren Lynn. The "intense and rigorous" experience was a fabulous opportunity that included learning teaching techniques as well as how to become better teachers. Karen also received funding from the Penobscot Valley Health Association Fund of the Maine Community Foundation for almost \$11,000 to institute a health program along with the dance program at the Suzanne M. Smith School in Levant, ME.

PROF DEV OPPORTUNITIES

**Lynda McCann-Olsen is offering several jewelry classes into the fall including Meca Color on Metal, Beachcomber's Treasures, and Square Word in Silver Jewelry. For more info please contact Lynda at lynda@thefence.us or call her at 799-2022.

CENTER THEATRE

Performers and movies in Dover-Foxcroft this month. Learn more at <http://www.centertheatre.org/>

EXHIBITS

Visit Eric Hopkins Gallery to see his latest work at 21 Winter Street, Suite 3, Rockland. Email Robin for more info galler@erichopkins.com

POETRY SERIES

The Third Thursday Poetry Series is at the Rose Garden in Eastport. Karin Spitfire and Spoken Word Artist Barbara Maria, August 21st. For more info contact Valerie Lawson, soshorepoet@aol.com or call 454-8026.

FOR SALE

**Jupiter beginner trumpet with case, used 2 years, asking \$375.00.

**Empire saxophone with case, used 7 years, \$500.00.

**Vic Firth drum with case and sticks, used 2 years, \$100.00.

**DJ equipment, speakers, and mixer, excellent condition.

Asking \$1000.00.

Please email me at argy.nestor@maine.gov for more information.

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THANK YOU MAINE MEDIA WORKSHOPS

Recently the Maine Media Workshops donated a Canon XL2 Mini DV Digital Video Camera. It is available for you to borrow at no cost for a two week time period to use in your classrooms. Please go to the camera page on the arts ed website for more information. <http://www.maine.gov/education/lres/vpa/digicams.html> Also available for you to borrow at no cost are 9 Canon Power Shot A630 8MP Digital Cameras. Information can be found at the same webpage.

Below are photos of arts educators from the MLTI conference at Castine. Information was in the last newsletter about the arts educators who presented.



Randy Judkins gave the keynote at Castine. Here he is saying WOW! You should have seen what he said after WOW!



Shalimar Poulin, Gardiner High School art teacher taking pictures in Sarah Sutters, Wiscasset High School art teacher digital photography session. In the background is Sam Moore-Young, Sabattus music teacher and MMEA president.

