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GREETINGS FROM ARGY'S CUBBY

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

SEASON OF PERFORMANCES

Best Wishes to the educators who are busy preparing for holiday concerts and performances. I know it is an especially busy time for many of you! I wish you the best as you prepare Maine's young people to exhibit their skills and passion for their arts. Please be sure and let me know when your performances are happening so I can include the information in the arts education newsletter. And thanks for the outstanding work you are doing!

REGIONAL MEETINGS

The Maine Department of Education is planning regional meetings for visual and performing arts educators in Jan., Feb. and March. There will be one meeting in each of the nine superintendents regions. This will be an opportunity to participate in professional development. If you haven't yet participated in the statewide arts census, assistance will be available at the meetings to walk you through it. More details will be in future newsletters.

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From Class Act:
One of the wonderful things about education is that a single teacher can change a kids life.

-Dana Gioia
Chairman, National
Endowment for the Arts

ART EXHIBITS

****Cerulean Fine Art Gallery.** Cony High School art teacher, Chris Higgins, exhibiting works on, of and with paper. Opening: Dec. 12th, 5-8:00, across from Slate's Restaurant in Hallowell.

****Greenhut Galleries' 4th Biennial Portland Show,** Dec. 4th-Jan. 3rd. The theme of "Portland" gives each artist the opportunity to interpret the city as they see it. 146 Middle St., Portland.

****Old Crow Gallery Holiday Show,** December 13-24th. Artwork from Lynda McCann-Olson, elementary art teacher in Cumberland will be on display. 331 Cottage Road, South Portland.

MAINE STATE TEACHER OF THE YEAR PROGRAM

Throughout Maine we have outstanding arts educators. Please consider nominating someone for the 2010 Maine teacher of the year. For detailed info about the criteria, guidelines, nomination process and form, please go to www.maine.gov/education/toy Any questions? Contact Jennifer Pooler @ 624-6638 jennifer.pooler@maine.gov

GREAT LINKS

****During the holiday season** especially, you won't want to miss this story that Bill Moyers did. The power of music: "Playing for Change"... <http://www.pbs.org/moyers/journal/10242008/watch3.html>

****Great resources:** <http://theteachingpalette.com/>

PERFORMANCES

****Brass Night,** Bowdoin College, Bowdoin Brass Quintet performing "Malcolm Arnold Quintet for Brass." Kanbar Auditorium, Studzinski Recital Hall, Dec. 11th, 7PM.

****A Cappella Holiday Concert,** Bowdoin College, Bowdoin A Cappella featuring the Longfellows, Miscellania, BOKA, BellaMafia, Ursus Verses, and the Meddiebempsters. Pickard, Dec. 11th, 7:30 PM.

****Sunsplash Craft Fair,** Bowdoin College, David Saul Smith Union, Fri., Dec. 12th.

****48 Hour Film Festival,** Bowdoin College. All films were written, shot, and edited in 48 hours. Smith Auditorium, Sat., Dec. 13th, 7PM. Awards will be presented. Afterwards "Nightmare Before Christmas" will be shown.

****ACT NOW!** PCA Great Performances' **School Time Performances** of Diavolo dance on Fri., Jan. 23, 2009 & Daniel Bernard Roumain's *A Civil Rights Reader* on Fri., Feb. 6, 2009 have limited numbers of available seats. For more info, contact PCA's Dir. of Ed. and Outreach Barri Lynn Moreau 207-773-3150 or blmoreau@pcagreatperformances.org Registration forms are available at http://pcagreatperformances.org/pca_offstage/upcoming/school-time_performances/

CONFERENCE

"Arts & Education Forum: Arts Integration and Teacher Change. The Southeast

Center for Education in the Arts 2nd annual forum at The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, May 8-9th. The purpose is to promote and oversee teacher growth and change. For more information <http://www.utc.edu/Outreach/SCEA/2009-Forum.php>

GIFTED AND TALENTED

Thank you to everyone who has shared samples of work you've done for your G/T arts programs. I have a variety of examples and am happy to share them. If anyone has specific program ideas that you'd be willing to share with others, please send them to me, preferably electronically. THANKS!

G/T COURSES OFFERED

During the Spring & Summer 2009, the following G/T courses are being offered:

- *Models in Education of the Gifted
 - *Critical and Creative Thinking
 - *Differentiation of Instruction: Practical Strategies for Meeting the Needs of Diverse Learners, Grades K-12
 - *Institute for Program Planners in Education of the G/T
- For more info and details go to the arts ed resource page at the MDOE at www.maine.gov/education/lres/vpa/standards.html

OPP FOR MUSICIANS

An invitation to join the Pine Tree Coastal Winds, a community based band in Freeport. Non-competitive, free and welcoming. FMI call Brendan at 865-4747.

KENNEBEC VALLEY REGION

Kennebec Valley region invites educators to Colby College Museum of Art in Waterville, Dec. 11, 4:30-6PM. Curator of Ed., Lauren Lessing will share resources. FMI contact Suzanne Goulet sgoulet@fc.wtvl.k12.me.us

PORTAPORTAL

I have hundreds of websites divided into many categories. If you go to the following link you can get directions on how to access the portaportal: www.maine.gov/education/lres/vpa/portaportal.html

NEWSLETTER

The arts education newsletter is now going to 852 educators. If you know someone who is not receiving it and would like to (or you think should), please have them email.

GRANTS

**Heinz Ketchup Creativity Contest. Selected designs will be on a single-serving Heinz packets for 2009. Maximum award \$1,000 for art supplies, \$1,000 worth of Heinz Ketchup, and the winners artwork framed. Eligible: students in grades 1-12, Deadline: 2/28/09. FMI www.ketchupcreativity.com/

**Music Matters announces Music Education Grant. Focusing on educational reform in school music programs and independent nonprofit music programs. Grant amounts \$1,000-12,000 each. Eligible: schools with existing music programs who qualify for Title I Federal funding. For more information and application <http://heart.muzak.com/what/grants.aspx>

INNOVATION & BUSINESS

Judy Estrin, in her book, "Closing the Innovation Gap" suggests that businesses foster an atmosphere of creativity which allows everyone to take risks and think of solutions. FMI www.newyorktimes.com

JUGGLER AVAILABLE

Morten Hansen, juggler, is available to work in schools. To learn more about Morten please go to www.juggle3.com/

HOT OFF THE PRESS

I just received this link to a great article: http://www.boston.com/bostonglobe/editorial_opinion/oped/articles/2008/12/08/arts_power_to_teach_21st_century_skills/



Thanks to everyone who didn't email me while I was away from my cubby. I had a great few days with my family!

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