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1. ECONOMIC NEWS (CAUTION: MOST AIN'T HAPPY)

-NYC MERGER

ArtsConnection has acquired High 5 Tickets to the Arts, which was about to go out of business.

<http://bit.ly/1OiBLQ>

-MIAMI-DATE PROPOSES ZERO ARTS MONEY

Mayor proposes big cut to grants for arts groups. Arts groups fighting back but competing with all other city-funded groups. A public meeting is scheduled.

<http://bit.ly/c2WIk>

-NJ ARTS COUNCIL CUTTING BACK

Faced with a 25% cut, the New Jersey State Council on the Arts has scaled back its grants.

<http://bit.ly/Hc8Yn>

-PA ARTS BUDGET NOT WORTH CUTTING

The \$14 million PA arts budget costs each taxpayer a nickel per week or \$2.60 a year.

<http://bit.ly/2cwxyv>

-PROGRAMS CUT ACROSS MASS.

As school committees across Western Massachusetts face severe budget cuts, fine arts programs are being cut one-by-one.

<http://bit.ly/Qyf5t>

-MASS SCHOOLS CUT MUSEUM FIELD TRIPS

For 20 years, Polk County Public Schools funded Polk Museum of Art fieldtrips. Because of a lack of state and federal funds, museum staff hustled for donations to keep the trips.

<http://bit.ly/uc6QJ>

-LOSS OF ARTS FROM EDUCATION FUNDS (IL)

Illinois Board of Education severely reduced funding for arts.

<http://bit.ly/1Q8QBX>

-NORTHERN FLORIDA ARTS CLASSES COME BACK!

In 2009-10, art and music will be restored to full-year programs.

<http://bit.ly/t8fvI>

-STIMULUS MONEY GRANTED TO ARTS GROUPS (IA)

Nearly \$500,000 in federal stimulus money is being spread to 18 arts organizations in 10 cities across Iowa, preserving 323 jobs.

<http://bit.ly/11R3Cb>

2. FEDERAL UPDATE

U.S. House of Representatives passed the FY 2010 Labor-HHS-Education funding bill, which sets the appropriation level for both the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) and Arts in Education programs (AIE) at the U.S. Department of Education.

The Senate Appropriations Committee is preparing to take up this funding legislation within the next week.

AIE is set to receive a \$2 million boost over last year's funding level to total \$40 million. This still falls short of the \$53 million requested by advocates on Arts Advocacy Day this year.

These programs fund grants for arts education professional development and model dissemination programs, as well as arts education programs at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and VSAarts.

<http://bit.ly/YCycK>

3. ADVOCACY TOOLS & TIPS

The federal congress takes the month of August off. This month is a great opportunity for your members of Congress to hear directly from you—arts and arts education professionals and supporters—while they are back in their home states and districts. Take advantage of the upcoming August recess (August 7–September 7) to schedule a meeting with your lawmaker to discuss policy proposals that affect the arts sector.

Find your rep:

<http://bit.ly/2Bhbt>

Know the issues and take some one-pagers to leave behind:

<http://bit.ly/hJqwA>

4. NEWS

-DA POPE DROPS AN ALBUM FOR MUSIC ED!

The album from Abbey Road studios features the pope praying and singing. Proceeds will fund music education for underprivileged children around the world.

<http://bit.ly/IqJvX>

-OBAMA GIVES BUSH A 3RD TERM IN EDUCATION

Diane Ravitch: Why is the Obama administration embracing the Bush program?
Top-ranking nations teach a balanced curriculum including the arts.

<http://bit.ly/NpjSh>

-THE CULTURE OF CHANGE

"As a result of new technologies, generational shifts and economic divides, changing demographics, increasing diversity in cities and town across America, a trend towards anti-intellectualism, increased competition for people's leisure time, cuts in funding for the arts in K-12 education, the decline in arts coverage in newspapers, and many other forces, we are seeing a profound shift in the interrelated relationships between people, space, time, and art, and changes in the ways that people create, consume, commune, and communicate."

<http://bit.ly/momB>

-BEYOND PHYSICAL CHALLENGES

"The focus of our technological evolution would be less on how we manage and adapt to our physical world, and more on how we manage and adapt to the immense amount of knowledge we've created."

<http://bit.ly/qMqtT>

-CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE ARTS EDUCATION (CRAE)

CRAE aims to bring the power of the arts to bear on the particular educational challenges facing African American children.

<http://bit.ly/hbwDc>

-SENATOR ALEXANDER PLAY PIANO PUBLICLY

Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-Tenn.) played a piano with the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra.

<http://bit.ly/14CjZL>

-NEW YORK STATE SUPER IS FORMER ARTS ED PROFESSIONAL

The new state supe of NY, David Steiner, is former Director of Arts Education at the National Endowment for the Arts.

<http://bit.ly/EX7ug>

-AGNES GUND ON OBAMA AND ARTISTS

I'll paraphrase her post: The Obamas support the arts; do the arts support the Obamas?

<http://bit.ly/op4jN>

-HOW TO TURN AROUND LOW-PERFORMING SCHOOLS

This report summarizes a one-day event held on March 17, 2009 in Tempe, Arizona.

<http://bit.ly/uvnJW>

-PTA BUYS ARTS EDUCATION

"We used to raise money to buy art supplies for kids who couldn't afford to buy their own. Now we buy the art teacher."

<http://bit.ly/LKVq5>

-THE NEW PUBLIC SCHOOL MODEL: "SELF GOVERNED SCHOOLS"

In this model, schools apply for "innovative" status from their board of ed and can then control budgets, hiring, curriculum, schedule, teacher pay, etc.

<http://bit.ly/10qMoW>

-LOS ANGELES HOLD OUT?

Long Beach is the largest school district in SoCal that has not adopted Arts for All.

<http://bit.ly/8LGZb>

-CONTRIBUTION OF ARTS ORGS TO PUBLIC EDUCATION

NYC'S arts organizations spent 15% of their budgets on education and raised tens of millions of dollars in 2007-08 for NYC public schools.

<http://bit.ly/jbM23>

-AFTERSCHOOL: WHY TEENS AREN'T IN O.S.T. PROGRAMS

A new brief from TASC's youth roundtable discussions takes up this issue.

<http://bit.ly/TBg2U>

-PUBLIC ART AND ARTS EDUCATION

"The Best Part of Us" is installation of large digital photos by Syracuse City School District kids. <http://bit.ly/p416O>

5. FUNDING

-IMPROVED ED FOR KIDS WITH DISABILITIES

This program promotes academic achievement and improves results for children with disabilities.

<http://bit.ly/1KOSW6>

-FOR TEACHERS' INNOVATIVE TEACHING

Kids In Need Teacher Grants provide K-12 educators with funding to provide innovative learning opportunities for their students. Deadline: Sept 2009.

<http://bit.ly/WwjBx>

-FOR TEACHERS OR PARENTS

Lowe's will donate \$5 million to public schools and public school parent teacher groups. Deadline: Oct 16.

<http://bit.ly/ss1PU>

-FAMILY LITERACY

To develop or expand projects designed to support the development of literacy skills for adult primary care givers and their children. Deadline: Sept 14.

<http://bit.ly/gB1ZB>

6. OPPORTUNITIES: GET INVOLVED, CONFERENCES, JOBS & AWARDS

GET INVOLVED:

-CALL FOR PRESENTERS: EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CREATIVITY

This international conference is seeking presenters. May 14/15, 2010 in Pittsburgh, PA. Session proposals deadline Sept 14, 2009.

<http://bit.ly/CLlpx>

-CALL FOR PAPERS: ARTS ED AND CONTEMPORARY ART

Artforum and e-flux are pleased to announce the launch of the Art & Education Papers archive, a new global platform for sharing and distributing research and knowledge in the field of contemporary art.

<http://bit.ly/4qdmOv>

-20 UNDER 40 CONVERSATION

Since the launch of 20UNDER40's call for chapter proposals, the project has attracted a great deal of attention—and caused quite a bit of controversy. Check the Facebook page to see what people are saying and to join in the dialogue.

<http://bit.ly/192x6t>

CONFERENCES:

-CITIZEN ARTIST CONFERENCE

Are you someone who is (or wants to be) integrating social/political questioning into your teaching artistry? Aug 7 & 8.

<http://bit.ly/ij6wL>

-INTERNATIONAL ARTS EDUCATION CONFERENCE

The Department of Art Education at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology in Ghana is hosting.

<http://bit.ly/o2Lln>

JOBS:

Full Americans for the Arts Job Listings are online.

Post, search, apply. Hundreds of jobs; Thousands of applicants.

<http://jobbank.artsusa.org>

AWARDS:

7. QUOTE OF THE WEEK!

"The budget plan I submit to you on Feb. 8 will realize major savings by dismantling the Department of Education."

-President Ronald Reagan in the 1982 State of the Union Address

<http://bit.ly/15vxny>

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