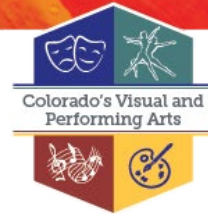


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October/November 2025



Artwork by Kylie McC, 12th Grade, Observation Drawing in Oil Pastel, Estes Park High School, Estes Park, CO.

NEWS

Important information from CDE Standards and Instructional Support

Creative Conversations

Mark your calendars for CDE's next *Creative Conversation!* This series is an arts-focused professional development series for the 2025–2026 school year. This four-part series will be held virtually and designed to support and inspire educators across Dance, Music, Theatre, and Visual Arts. All sessions are free and offer continuing education credit.

Our upcoming session that was scheduled for Tuesday, November 18 has been changed to Monday, November 17.

UPCOMING SESSIONS

Standards Made Simple

Monday, November 17, 4:30-6:00 pm, Virtual

This interactive workshop will demystify the arts standards and demonstrate practical ways to connect them to curriculum, assessment and rubrics. Leave with clear strategies, common language and tools that make standards work for you and your students. [Register Here!](#)

REGISTER TODAY!



SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, February 18, 4:30-6:00 pm

Project Based Learning

Thursday, April 23, 2026, 4:30-6:00 pm

Community Engagement

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New NEA Resource: Arts Education in U.S. Public Schools

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) has released a new research brief: [Arts Education in U.S. Public Schools: Insights from the November 2024 School Pulse Panel Survey](#)

This research brief examines data from the School Panel Pulse (SPP) survey, administered in November 2024 by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) at the U.S. Department of Education. The survey includes responses from more than 4,000 public K-12 schools nationwide. The brief presents data on arts education access and support and considers differences in school size, level, region, locale, poverty and student demographics.



Statement: Supporting Student Success in the Classroom and Workforce

The National Association for Music Educators (NAfME) has endorsed a unified statement on arts education and supporting student success in school and the workforce. The document highlights research on how the arts keep students succeeding in school, build workplace success skills, are a successful career pathway, and why they must be provided to all students. These talking points can be used by music and other arts educators when communicating with decision makers at the federal, state and local levels. The statement can be found on the [NAfME website](#).



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Free Art Education Resources

The Art of Education has provided a unique landing page for art teachers to download a variety of free resources all in one place. These free resources are designed to celebrate your work, strengthen your teaching and connect you with a community that shares your passion. You can access the resources from this [Art of Education webpage](#).



NMAE
National Association for Media Arts Education

NAMAE - Media Arts Education Initiative

The National Association for Media Arts Education (NAMAE) is seeking information from teachers teaching or interested in teaching media arts across the nation. Complete their [Interest Survey](#) to help NAMAE understand the discipline's presence and to inform strategic support in all states.



Events for

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Equity in Arts Learning Grant

Letter of Intent Submission Deadline is November 21, 2025.

Think 360 Arts for Learning, with partners including Colorado Creative Industries, is awarding nearly \$500,000 through the 2025–26 Equity in Arts Learning (EAL) grant to 27 organizations across 11 counties. By partnering with professional artists and culture bearers, the EAL grant program empowers students to develop critical thinking, build confidence and engage with their communities.

Applications for the 2026–27 cycle are opening soon. Interested organizations must submit a Letter of Intent between September 23 and November 21, 2025.

Learn more at [Think 360 Arts website](#).



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MCA Denver Educator Night

October 14, 2025, 5-7pm, MCA Denver, 1485 Delgany St, Denver, CO

The Museum of Contemporary Art (MCA) Denver is hosting a free educators night. Enjoy sips and snacks and conversation surrounding the museum's Teen Programs. Experience guided tours of the current exhibition, *Cowboy*, get a glimpse into Failure Lab, one of the museum's teen leadership programs, and conclude the evening in the Café to learn more about how your school or organization can get involved with MCA Denver's robust and exciting offerings. Visit the [MCA Denver website](#) for more information.



CAEA
COLORADO ART EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Colorado Art Education Association Fall Conference

November 6-8, 2025, Beaver Run Resort, Breckenridge, CO

The Colorado Art Education Association's 2025 Fall Conference, themed "Juxtapose," brings together a dynamic community of visual arts educators for three days of hands-on workshops, collaborative sessions, and meaningful professional learning. Held November 6–8 in Breckenridge, this event supports the advancement of art education across Colorado by focusing on educator effectiveness, assessment and the application of state standards in the arts classroom. Visit the [CAEA website](#) for more information on registration and workshops.

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Pikes Peak Zine Fest

October 18, 2025, Berger Hall at University of Colorado - Colorado Springs

The Pikes Peak Zine Fest is an annual small press event celebrating zines, which are self-published, small-circulation works (typically fewer than 1,000 copies, often under 100). Zines can explore any topic or theme. Discover how you can bring zines into your classroom as a tool for sharing information and helping students learn to communicate and express their ideas. Visit the [Pikes Peak Zine Fest](#) website for more information and details.



Open Call for Entries

Submissions Accepted through January 17, 2026

Colorado Art Education Association (CAEA) members are invited to submit up to three (3) works of art to a juried exhibition hosted by Artsource Colorado. The exhibition, entitled Artistry in Scale: Intimate to Expansive, will showcase original artworks around the themes of changing scale, context, or understanding. You can find the [submission form here](#).



National American Eurhythmics (AES) Society Conference

October 24-25, 2025, CSU, University Center for the Arts, Fort Collins, CO

Join us for a day-and-a-half of workshop sessions on how to incorporate purposeful movement, improvisation, Solfège Rythmique, interactive stories, and Plastique Animée to increase student attention, concentration, social integration and understanding of musical nuance in a variety of teaching contexts! Sessions will be led by Master Teaching Artists in Eurhythmics, and local chapters such as the Colorado Eurhythmics Society. You can read more about this event and register on the [AES website](#).



OAKE Western Division Mini Music Conference

November 7-8, 2025, Metro State University, Denver, CO

The Western Division of the Organization of Kodály Educators (OAKE) is hosting a conference on November 7-8 at MSU Denver. Events start at 5:00pm on Friday evening and end at 5:30pm on Saturday. Information on the presenters and registration can be found on this [OAKE webpage](#).



Events for STUDENTS



2025 Fall Dance Experience: Visit and Audition Day

November 7, 2025, CSU, University Center for the Arts, Fort Collins, CO

During the Dance Experience visit, participants will take classes in modern, hip-hop and ballet taught by CSU dance faculty. You will take classes alongside CSU dance majors. You will get to talk to current students and faculty, and you will see a live performance of choreography in progress for our upcoming concerts. You will have the chance to perform the solo portion of your dance major audition in person, and you will also complete the audition interview during the event. For more information and to register visit this [CSU Webpage](#).



Cellobrate @ CSU

November 15, 2025, CSU, University Center for the Arts, Fort Collins, CO

Join us for Cellobrate @ CSU 2025! Held on the beautiful campus of Colorado State University, this event is designed for middle school through college-aged students, teachers and orchestra directors. The event will feature masterclasses, a cello ensemble and pedagogy sessions for both new and seasoned teachers. Bring your curiosity and be ready to learn, grow and be inspired!

Students who would like to participate in the masterclass should include a video link (5-10 minutes in length) for consideration with their registration. Deadline for masterclass consideration is October 25, 2025. Applicants chosen for the classes will be notified by November 1st, 2025. We recommend that those interested in participating in the cello ensemble should have played for a minimum length of 1 year. Learn more on this [CSU webpage](#).



2025 Fall Double Reed Workshop

December 14, 2025, CSU, University Center for the Arts, Fort Collins, CO

Tailored for new or beginner oboists and bassoonists, this workshop will help you gain fundamental skills, build confidence, and sound your best! Led by Dr. Cayla Bellamy, bassoon, and Dr. Galit Kaunitz, oboe, this event is perfect not only for students, but for band directors looking to brush up their comfort level with the double reeds. Come learn more about the oboe and bassoon in a friendly and low-pressure environment! For more information and to register visit this [CSU Webpage](#).

Events for

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College of Music
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CU Boulder Music Day

November 10, 2025, CU Boulder, CO

The CU Boulder College of Music invites high school students to live a “day in the life” of a music major! Spend a day on campus in Boulder observing classes and rehearsals, meeting faculty and hearing performances. This free event includes breakfast and lunch for each student + one guest. Learn more and register on the [College of Music visit page](#).



College of Music
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All-State Preparation Workshops

October-November, CU Boulder, CO

The CU Boulder strings and percussion faculty are pleased to present free, interactive workshops on the 2025 Colorado All-State Band and Orchestra audition repertoire. Learn tips + tricks from the pros to prepare your best audition yet! Dates vary in October/November. Learn more and register on the [College of Music visit page](#).



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Art & Writing Awards
Colorado Art Awards

Colorado Art Awards

Submissions Accepted October 1, 2025 - January 6, 2026

Scholastic Art & Writing Awards are the nation’s longest-running and most prestigious recognition program for creative teens in grades 7–12, ages 13+ and have been a program in Colorado since 1947. Winning works will be displayed at statewide exhibitions, including at the Denver Art Museum and 40 West, with the possibility to earn national recognition. More information can be found on the [Colorado Art Awards Website](#).



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Spring Moxie Mag Internship

Applications due November 2, 2025

The MoxieMag is a printed and digital publication produced monthly by a cohort of teen interns at the Museum of Contemporary Art (MCA) Denver. Students meet in-person on a weekly basis each semester. The Spring 2026 MoxieMag interns will meet every Tuesday from January 6 - May 5, 2026 from 4:30 - 6:30PM. Applications are now open! Visit this [MCA webpage](#) for more information and applications.



We Want to Hear from You!

Send Us Your Happenings!

The CDE Arts Education e-Updates are sent **five times** during the school year:

August/September, October/November, December/January, February/March, and April/May.

Send information to Latva_L@cde.state.co.us **by the 1st day of the month** for your news to be included in an edition.

Featured Artwork Submissions

Send us a photo of a student artwork or performance to be featured in our eUpdate!

Submissions should include ***Title, Name of Artist, Grade, Media, School***. One school will be featured in each bi-monthly eUpdate.

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are designed for parents, guardians, caretakers, and communities. They act as a toolkit of questions and activities to support students' learning in alignment with the Colorado Academic Standards.

