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What is the Idaho Commission on the Arts and what does it do?

- In 1966, the Idaho Commission on the Arts was created to encourage the study and presentation of the arts. Like state arts agencies across the country, we do this by partnering with the National Endowment for the Arts to promote access, education, and community investment through the arts. We function under the Office of the Governor.
- Our main purpose it to help enable access to the arts for all Idaho residents, support K-12 arts education, and support Idaho’s cultural and artistic heritage.
- We provide grants supporting access to the arts and arts education.
BACKGROUND

- I started at a very young age playing the violin. My grandmother fell in love with the Suzuki method and I don't have a memory without the violin.
- I attended Boise State University where I have a BA in K-12 Music Education. After five years of teaching in the Boise School District I wanted to get my Masters, so I found a program that combined my love of Suzuki and teaching. In 2009 I received a MA in Violin Performance and Suzuki pedagogy from East Carolina University.

BACKGROUND

- I have taught orchestra for 15 years.
- I began my career teaching Orchestra for the Boise School District at South Junior High, Franklin Elementary, and Jackson Elementary. I just ended my tenure teaching at the
Wood River Middle School and Wood River High School for the Blaine County School District.

- I began my new position for the Idaho Commission on the Arts in July of 2019.

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- I read grants and facilitate panels.
- I partner with and run education programs that support teachers.
RESOURCES FOR EDUCATORS

The Idaho Commission on the Arts makes arts education a priority. We know that students whose educations are rich in the arts have higher GPA’s, better test scores, and lower drop-out rates. The Arts Powered Learning toolkit assists teachers with curricular tools to design lesson plans and experiences for learners. The toolkit is designed to provide essential resources for effective arts instruction in the classroom including planning templates, example assessments, and approaches to arts integration. It helps teachers identify essential questions to support inquiry in the classroom, helps identify learning targets, and helps embed assessment into lessons. Lastly, the toolkit helps guide teachers and teaching artists through project pairing as the teaching artist can help your project by bringing their expertise into the classroom.

https://arts.idaho.gov/artspoweredlearning-toolkit/
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The Traveling Trunk Curriculum Program is a pilot program being developed by the Idaho State Historical Society. Focused on grades 3rd-5th, educators can “check out” trunks completed with multi subject lesson plans. The Idaho Commission on the Arts is partnering with the Historical Society to make sure there are arts integrated lessons included in the trunks. Two trunks that are being developed now are:

- **Minidoka** – This trunk focuses on the Japanese incarceration camps. The arts integrated lessons include a visual art lesson on relief sculptures and a Taiko drum lesson.
- **Rosalie Sorrel** – Idaho folk and traditional arts pioneer who traveled around Idaho collecting folk songs. Arts lessons include songwriting and ballads.
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Education Grants

The Commission provides multiple grant opportunities for educational programming.

**Annual Education Projects:** This annual grant opportunity supports long-term programs that unite effective practices in education and in the arts, enriching teaching and learning opportunities for K-12 students. Applicants must be a nonprofit, IRS tax exempt 501(c)(3) organization or be represented by a fiscal agent, school, or unit of local, county, tribal, or state government. Applicants must have been in operation in Idaho for at least one year. Applicants must compensate professional artists and administrators. Applicants must have submitted all final reports for past Commission grants. Online applications are due by January 31, 2020. Applicants may request a maximum amount of $15,000 and applicant organizations must provide at least a 1:1 cash match of the requested grant amount.

**Quick Funds Projects for Arts Education:** This quarterly grant opportunity supports short-term projects that enliven or improve arts learning as an integral part of the education of Idaho’s K-12 youth. The same criteria apply to Quick Funds as it does for the Annual Education Projects. Organizations receiving Public Programs in the Arts or Entry Track funding are not eligible to apply for Arts Education Projects. Applicants may receive one Quick Funds grant in a fiscal year. Quick Funds applications may not support a current Arts Education Annual Project grant. Online applications are accepted four times a year. (Please see website for dates). Applicants may request a maximum amount of $1,500 and applicant organizations must provide at least a 1:1 cash or in-kind match of the requested grant amount.

**Quick Funds Professional Development for Arts Educators and ICA Teaching Artists:** This quarterly grant opportunity supports the professional development of teachers, educators, and the ICA Teaching Artists. Applicants may receive reimbursement for attending a conference, workshop, or other form of professional development. Applicants may request a maximum amount of $750. *Funding is only available through quick funds currently. However, we are changing policy that this will join the non-competitive grant category and will be based on a first-come-first-served basis.*
Examples of successful grants can be found on the website under “Making Learning visible.”
https://arts.idaho.gov/reports/

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Eric Booth, a nationally recognized author and Teaching Artist, developed the following definition: “A teaching artist is a practicing professional artist with the complementary skills and sensibilities of an educator, who engages people in learning experiences in, through, and about the arts.” Professional Teaching Artists are an invaluable resource for schools and communities, and greatly contribute to the overall process of learning.

Idaho Commission on the Arts is currently in development of a new application and roster criteria of Idaho teaching artists. All Idaho Commission on the Arts teaching artists will be eligible to participate in a non-competitive Artists in Education grant opportunity. Full funding will be awarded to eligible applicants throughout the year while funds remain available. Up to $1,500 will be awarded to help teachers support the ICA teaching artists fees and supplies. If you know of someone who would benefit by being a teaching artist, please refer them to the application process and criteria that will be available on our website by Fall of 2020.
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Bring a folk artist into the classroom for the day! The Idaho Commission on the Arts can help identify traditional artists living in your community. The ICA will provide the traditional artists a small honorarium to compensate their time in your classroom as a demonstration and interview.

Hello Neighbor! is different than a teaching artist residency because this is not a project program. This Folk and Traditional Arts Program helps to celebrate and perpetuate traditions through demonstration and interview and usually takes one class period. Sample questions and program details can be found in our ArtsPowered Toolkit resource and registration can be found on our website. https://arts.idaho.gov/hello-neighbor/
POETRY OUT LOUD

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Poetry Out Loud is a poetry recitation competition for high school students that partners local schools and state arts agencies with the National Endowment for the Arts. The winner of the state competition goes on to Washington, D.C. to compete at the national finals.

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One of the great things about Poetry Out Loud is that students from all over the state can participate at their school or community. This 2019-2020 school year we have a record 35 schools participating.
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In 2018, 18 top student competitors from as far away as Sugar City came together in Boise at the Linen Building. This year the competition will be held on March 7 at South Junior High in Boise and is free and open to the public. (Finalists were from Driggs, Eagle, Fruitland, Idaho Falls, Kuna, Marsing, McCall, Moscow, New Plymouth, Sugar City, Sun Valley, Twin Falls)

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Poetry Out Loud offers another performance opportunity for students. The program does not require full class periods and can be folded into an existing curriculum. The program meets national arts and common core standards and materials are completely free. The Teacher’s Guide and online lesson plans contain everything you need to teach the program successfully and conduct a classroom contest. You do have to compete as a school, so we recommend that each participating school identify 1 or 2 teachers to serve as coordinators. Lead teachers will work closely with the Idaho Commission on the Arts in recruiting fellow teachers, distributing
materials, and organization of the school competition. If this is something your school might be interested, please take a Teacher’s Guide and look for Poetry Out Loud deadlines on our website. [Top left: Julie Dransfield, Eagle; Anthony Plummer, Moscow; Mason Moore, Driggs. Bottom l-r; Sarah Poe, Jodi Eichelberger, Christian Winn, Earl Craig]

The Idaho Commission on the Arts is looking for leaders from various disciplines to join our Arts in Education Collative. The mission is to develop, evaluate, and problem solve best practices to ensure that all Idaho students have access to a quality arts education. The collective will meet twice a year in three areas of the state. Commitment time is 2 Saturdays a year. If you are interested in this opportunity, please register now. [https://arts.idaho.gov/arts-in-education-collective/]

Contact information