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GREETINGS FROM ARGY'S CUBBY

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

NEWSLETTER GOES PODCAST

The Arts Education newsletter is not only being posted at <http://www.maine.gov/education/lres/vpa/news.html> but will also be available as a podcast. Yes, you can listen to the newsletter in the near future.

MLTI TECHNOLOGY CONF.

Airborne for Beyond Creativity, July 23-25th, Castine. Many learning opportunities to integrate technology into the arts classroom. Don't delay, please register by July 15th at <http://www.mainelearns.org/>

GIFTED AND TALENTED

As part of the establishment of Gifted and Talented programs, opportunities must be provided for students with exceptional abilities in the Visual and Performing Arts. I have created a document to serve as a guide to help with establishing G/T Arts programs in each School Administrative Units. The document, including resources, can be found at <http://www.maine.gov/education/lres/vpa/standards.html>

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I believe we need to reconnect the senses with the mind. That can be done through art education.

Elliot Eisner

GRANT OPPORTUNITY

"Grants for Nonprofit Music Programs". The Guitar Center Music Foundation's mission is to aid nonprofit music programs. Maximum award: \$5000., Eligibility: 501(c)(3) organizations. For more info: <http://www.guitarcentermusicfoundation.org/grants/index.cfm?sec=info>

PROFESSIONAL DEV OPP

** **National Art Educators Leadership Institute**, Sandy Point, ME, July 18-25th, special Maine day, Wed., 23rd. For more info don't delay contact Barbara Bridges 207-567-3499 or http://www.bridgescreate.com/house/nat_art_ed.html

** **The Power of Color**: Two day Watercolor Workshop w/ Susan Tobey White, Aug. 12, 13th, Hutchinson Center, Belfast, \$225.00. For more info contact Susan @ stwhite1@verizon.net

** **Making the Invisible Visible**: *Revealing the Essence of Learning In, Through, and With the Arts Partners*, 7th Annual NECAP Conference for Teaching Artists and their Arts Partners, July 14th, Hilton Hartford, Hartford, CT, \$50. For more info please go to <http://www.massculturalcouncil.org/nedcap.htm>

** **Chamber Music in Italy**. Combine music, art, history, culture and vacation on this music adventure camp. Aug. 8-23rd, \$4,260. For more info: <http://www.musicadventure.org/>

EXHIBITS

** **Bronze Sculptures**, by Seena Donneson, Kristin H. Eyfells, Shay Rieger and others. Belgrade Lakes Village, Spring Gallery, through August. More info: www.springgallerymaine.com or 495-3113.

** **Friday Night Artwalks** in July and Aug., 5-8PM. Street performers will be entertaining as visitors stroll from gallery to gallery in Belfast.

** **Family Reflections**, Lincoln Street Center for Arts & Education, Poetry and Art exhibit by families of The Teen and Young Parent Program, Parent Ed. of Knox County, and The Passages Program of the Community School. Opening: July 8th, 11:30-2PM. For more info call: 594-1980.

** **Center for Maine Contemporary Art**, Rockport, *Wegman: Paintings and Drawings*. On display until Sept. 13th, informal gallery talk, July 27th, 2PM.

** **The Arts in Rockland**, Opening reception, July 16, 5-8PM, Eric Hopkins Gallery, 21 Winter Street Suite 3, Rockland.

** **Home Truth**, Lord Hall Galleries, UMaine, Orono through Aug. 8th.

CONGRATULATIONS

Yarmouth Music Educators! Gen. music, gr. 2-4, Karen Renton, recipient of the Golden Apple Award from WBACH! Instr. music, grades 4-8, Brad Ciechowski, Portland Sea Dogs "Starting Nine Teacher's Hall of Fame".

CALL TO ARTISTS

Governor and Mrs. Baldacci seek to commission an artist to create an object to give to 6 fellow governors and 6 premieres as a gift from the state of Maine. Gifts will be presented on Sept. 15 & 16th. Budget: \$3600.00, \$300. for single piece. If interested submit resume and 5 .jpeg images to donna.mcneil@maine.gov, Deadline: July 30th.

ME ARTS COMMISSION NEWS

Arts in Education Workshops at Dunaway Community Center in Ogunquit, July 23rd. Sessions scheduled Bar Harbor, Aug. 5th, Eastport, Aug. 6th and Presque Isle, Sept. 24th. For more info: <http://mainearts.maine.gov/events/artME/index.shtml>

THEATER OPPORTUNITIES

** **Center Theatre** for the Performing Arts: Concerts and movies this summer. More info at www.centertheatre.org or call 564-8943.

** **"As it is in Heaven"** Stonington Opera House, July 2-6th. A play by Arlene Hutton which includes Shaker music and dance. Other events as well. For more info: www.operahousearts.org

** **"Closer than Ever"** and **"Fame Takes a Holiday"** Northport Music Theater, July and Aug. More info: <http://www.northportmusictheater.com> Camden Hills Music Regional High School Choral Director Kim Murphy will perform in each show.

ARTICLES

[One Laptop Per Child makes beautiful music](#)

The computers being sent all over the world by Boston nonprofit group One Laptop Per Child contain a piece of music-producing software that has, somewhat unexpectedly, been bringing families and children from different countries together. The TamTam software program allows users of all ages to blend dozens of sounds and instruments from around the globe. [The Wall Street Journal](#) (6/11)

[Venezuelan music schools offer poor children new avenues](#)

A project that has taken 300,000 disadvantaged Venezuelan children and introduced them to the world of classical music is drawing the attention of governments from around the world. "This is seen as the cutting edge project of classical music," said Venezuelan conductor Gustavo Dudamel, 27, who joined his country's music school system as a youth and was recently named to head the Los Angeles Philharmonic. "To give children a future mixed with the sensitivity that music offers is unique." [The New York Times/Reuters](#) (6/23)

MAINE ALLIANCE OF MEDIA ARTS

31st Maine Student Film and Video Festival, July 12th, 12:30, Waterville Opera House. Free and open to the public. Grand Prize Winner, *Tree Line*, Daniel Agostino, Freeport High School. A list of finalists can be found at www.msfvf.com. Questions? Please contact Huey at huey@filmsbyhuey.com.

NH ARTS IN EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP CONFERENCE

Dreaming Mountains: Exploring the White Mountains through the Arts, September 26-28th, AMC Highland Lodge at Crawford Notch, Bretton Woods, NH. For more information and to register: <http://www.nh.gov/nharts/>

BATES DANCE FESTIVAL

Don't miss the summer festival, July 15-August 9th. For more information and tickets: www.batesdancefestival.org

MIDDLE LEVEL EDUCATION INSTITUTE

Last week I attended the MLEI at Orono. I presented three sessions: Bookmaking, Digital Photography and the last one with colleague Chris deGroff on School Climate. I also presented a General Session on "*Arts in Education*". I was proud to represent all Maine educators and appreciative to have the opportunity to share the important work of arts educators. I was reminded of the importance of spreading the word about arts education and the critical role it has for all students in Pre-K-Grade 12. Take the time this summer to spread the word.

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JULIA'S GALLERY

This summer, visit Julia's Gallery, the student managed art gallery at the Farnsworth Art Museum in Rockland. The present exhibit: "*Grafitti*" is showing until September.

