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## **November 2021 Newsletter**

Here is what we have included for you in this month's newsletter:

- National Arts Education Bill
- Save our Stages Extension
- Individual Artist Fellowship deadline Nov. 15
- NAC Touring Roster deadline Dec. 1
- Creative sector employment opportunity
- Emergency Temporary Standard for organizations with 100 or more employees



#### **Arts Education for All Act**

In October, the Arts Education for All Act (H.R.5581) was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives. The legislation is the broadest arts education policy bill ever introduced in Congress. The legislation includes key provisions that will support and encourage the offering of arts education and programming and would allow for rigorous arts and arts education research related to elementary and secondary education.

Organizations can sign on to endorse this legislation using **this form**. Individuals can **take action** and ask their members of Congress to become cosponsors of the Arts Education for All Act.



Save Our Stages Extension

The Save Our Stages Extension bill was introduced on September 29, 2021 in the U.S. Senate. The bill would extend the project period for Shuttered Venue Operator Grantees to use their funds to pay for allowable expenditures incurred from March 1, 2020 through March 11, 2023.

This would be helpful for many grantees, as the SVOG application process was delayed by several months, meaning that some venues have had only three months to spend millions of grant dollars. Extending this deadline would avoid venues potentially having to return billions of their grant dollars to the SBA.

Ask your members of Congress to pass the Save Our Stages Extension Act



#### Individual Art Fellowship deadline Nov. 15

Don't miss the deadline for the Nebraska Art Council 2022 Individual Artist Fellowship for visual artists! The Fellowships are adjudicated by 3 out-of-state jurors and offer a great opportunity to receive between \$1000 and \$5000 to create new work or further your work with research or presentations.

To apply or learn more, go here!



NAC Artist and Teaching Artist Roster Deadline Dec. 1

Nebraska Arts Council's Artist Roster assists nonprofit organizations and schools in bringing accomplished artists and performers into their communities. The roster is split between the Artists in Schools and Communities (AiS/C) program and the Nebraska Touring Program (NTP).

Teaching artists in Nebraska and contiguous states may apply for the AiS/C Artist Roster. AiS/C artists may conduct programs in schools, non-profits, or other community settings. Programs may also target adult groups, engaging participants through lifelong learning and creative activities.

The Nebraska Touring Program (NTP)/Exhibits Nebraska is designed to showcase artists residing in Nebraska, who provide a variety of high-quality touring performances and exhibits in various price ranges to all Nebraska communities throughout the year.

To apply or learn more, go here.



### **Assistant Professor of Emerging Media Arts**

UNL's Johnny Carson Center for Emerging Media Arts, under leadership of Megan Elliott, is seeking a tenure track assistant professor of emerging media arts - with experience in one or more of the following domains - storytelling, game design, or virtual production.

Learn more here!

# Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS) for organizations with 100 or more employees

Earlier this month, the U.S. Labor Department, through the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) issued a rule to require employers with 100 or more employees to ensure each of their workers is fully vaccinated or tests negative for COVID at least once a week. This rule covers 84 million employees and will be active starting January 4, 2022.

Below are some highlights of who this rule (called an "Emergency Temporary Standard" or "ETS" by OSHA) will apply towards:

- Part-time employees do count towards the total number of employees. For example, a company with 75 part-time employees and 25 full-time employees would be considered to have 100 employees and would be within the scope of this standard.
- Independent contractors do not count towards the total number of employees.
- These vaccination requirements would only apply to the employees who work in the
  office at least part time around other individuals, and not to those employees
  working exclusively from their homes.
- The ETS does not apply to state and local government employers in states without State Plans, because state or local government employers and employees are exempt from OSHA coverage under the OSH Act (29 U.S.C. 652 (5)). However, in states with OSHA-approved occupational safety and health programs ("State Plans"), state and local government employers with 100 or more employees will be covered by State occupational safety and health requirements, and State Plans must adopt requirements for state and local employers that are at least as effective as federal OSHA's requirements in this ETS.

You can find further information here.







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