



May 2023 Newsletter

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

- The 2023-24 NebraskARTS Applications are now open
- 2022-23 NebraskARTS celebrations
- 2023 State Arts Awards Nominations open
- Poetry Out Loud National Competition
- President's Committee on Arts and Culture
- Nebraska Cultural Endowment 25th Anniversary - May 18 celebration



Apply for the 2023-24 NebraskARTS Award!

Each year, Nebraskans for the Arts honors two Nebraska school or school districts that have supported and encouraged achievement in the media arts, visual arts, dance, music, or theatre

The application form for 2023-24 is now available!

The winners receive a Legislative Resolution, a special trophy, and a celebration at their location.

Applications are due on Friday, October 13, 2023 by 11:59pm and the two winners for 2023-24 will be notified by Monday, December 11, 2023.

For more information and to apply, [go here](#).



2022-23 NebraskARTS Celebrations!

Nebraskans for the Arts enjoyed celebrating our two 2022-23 NebraskARTS Award winners last month.

We recognized St. Paul Public Schools and their outstanding visual arts teacher Mrs. Lemmerman on April 5th in a lovely ceremony at the library.

We celebrated Palmer Public Schools and their fantastic music teacher Mrs. Sake at the school's brilliant Spring Concert on April 17th.

We at NFTA were blown away by the talents we saw at both events.

Congratulations to St. Paul and Palmer Public Schools!



2023 State Arts Awards and Nominations

The Nebraska Arts Council will be hosting the Governor's Arts Awards later this year with a new title: The State Arts Awards!

The biennial awards program recognizes individuals and organizations that shape our state's artistic landscape. The impact of the arts, and these honorees, is felt in the classroom, the economy, and the community.

This year's awards ceremony and reception will be held at the Embassy Suites in downtown Lincoln on October 19th, 2023.

Click **here** to learn more about each award and to submit a nomination. Nominations will be accepted until midnight on June 30th, 2023.



2023 Poetry Out Loud

Nebraska Poetry Out Loud Champion Amelia C. Escalante from Bellevue West High School did a great job in the National competition! She performed in the National competition's Semi Finals for Region 2 yesterday, with 17 other contestants. Only three students from each region are selected to move onto the Final, which is live streamed tonight at 6pm CDT.

We are thrilled that Poetry Out Loud is back in person after several years of virtual competition. Congrats to Amelia for representing Nebraska so well!

Check out the National Final [here](#) tonight!



Cultural News from the White House

In mid-April, President Biden announced the appointment of a dedicated group of high-profile artists and arts policy leaders to the newly re-established **President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities (PCAH)**. The PCAH committee members include Lady Gaga, Jon Batiste, George

Clooney, Shonda Rhimes, Anna Deavere Smith, Kerry Washington, and many more.

Click [here](#) for bios and photos of the full list of committee members.



Nebraska Cultural Endowment celebrates 25th Anniversary

Tickets are now on sale for the Nebraska Cultural Endowment's 25th Anniversary Celebration featuring U.S. Poet Laureate Ada Limón, who will give a reading of her work and share the stage with Nebraska State Poet Matt Mason for an inspiring conversation about the arts and humanities.

Event tickets available at NCE25.org. #NCE25

Join Nebraskans for the Arts Today! Memberships start at \$25/year!

If you are not yet a member of Nebraskans for the Arts, now is a great time to change that! Individual memberships start at \$25/year. Memberships support NFTA advocacy and activities.

To become a member, visit our website [here](#).



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