

## **June 2024 Arts Update Newsletter**



*Standing Bear Sculpture in the U.S. Capitol*

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

- Advocacy at the Federal Level
- Welcome new NFTA Board of Directors
- Save the Date - State Arts Conference and Creative District Assembly
- NebraskARTS Award Applications are Open
- Changes to Newsletter
- Thank you NFTA Members and Donors
- Join Nebraskans for the Arts Today!

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### **Advocacy at the Federal Level**



Nebraskans for the Arts Executive Director Lance Nielsen attended the National Association for Music Education Hill Day in June.

Along with Representatives of the Nebraska Music Education Association and college students from UNK, UNO, and Doane University, the Nebraska Advocacy Team attended the Nebraska Breakfast and we had private meetings with Senator Ricketts, Senator Fischer, Senator Smith, and representatives from Congressman Bacon, and Congressman Flood's offices.

Our Legislative Asks focused on FY25 Appropriations and support for the Arts Education for All Act and Arts Education funding (ESSA).



Nebraska Breakfast, an 81 year old tradition.



Meetings with Senators, Congressmen, and Representatives



NFTA Advocating and telling the story of the importance of the arts for Nebraskans.




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## Welcome new members of the NFTA Board of Directors

We are pleased to welcome the following new members to the Nebraskans for the Arts Board of Directors. Our new members represent many facets of arts backgrounds and careers.

- Judy Bush, Retired Music Educator, Lincoln
- Cassie Ehrenberg, Iron Horse Arts Creative District, Holdrege
- Nancy Engen-Wedin, Lied Center For Performing Arts / Teacher Education, Lincoln
- Jason R. Fischer, Surreal Media Lab, Omaha
- Daniel Martinez, Martinez Music, Lincoln
- Nathan Murray, LUX Center for the Arts Teaching Artist, Lincoln

For a complete list of the NFTA Board of Directors, please visit the [NFTA Website](#).

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## Save the Date





## NEBRASKA ARTS COUNCIL

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### STATEWIDE ARTS CONFERENCE & CREATIVE DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

Join artists and arts administrators on Sept 5th & 6th in beautiful Beatrice, NE!  
On Thursday, Sept 5th, the 1st annual Assembly of NE Creative Districts (current and future)  
On Friday, Sept 6th, the Statewide Arts Conference for artists, organizations, and arts enthusiasts

Refer to the [NAC website](#) and social media to learn about how you can participate in this event, and about the speakers, performances, sessions!

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## 2024-25 NebraskARTS Award Applications



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

The application deadline is Friday, October 18, 2024, and the two winners for 2024-25 will be notified in December 2024.

The application form is now available on the [NFTA Website](#).

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## CHANGES are coming

NFTA will be making a change to our newsletter.

Starting this year, the current **NFTA Arts Update Newsletter**, which is available for anyone who signs up, will be distributed 5 times a year - August, October, January, March, and May/June. The purpose of this

newsletter is to give everyone an overview of arts advocacy and arts news from across the state.

A new **Arts Advocate Newsletter** will be distributed monthly to NFTA members and donors only. The purpose of this letter is to provide NFTA members specific and detailed advocacy news and initiatives at both the state and federal levels, feature stories on artists and advocates, and share information from the Nebraska Arts Advocacy Network.

We hope this added newsletter will inform NFTA members of arts advocacy efforts as well as tips on how to be an effective advocate at the local level.

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#### NFTA Arts Update Newsletter



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**NEW** Monthly Newsletter for  
NFTA Members & Donors.

## Top 10 Reasons To Support NFTA

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**Advocacy is a group effort**



**Advocacy highlights available resources & services**



**Advocacy enables people to be heard**



**Advocacy educates the broader community**



**Advocacy promotes problem solving and collaboration**



**Advocacy promotes importance of the arts in communities**



**Advocacy influences laws & policies that will impact the arts**



**Advocacy makes people feel stronger by working together**



**Advocacy enables people to understand each other**



**Advocacy fosters respect for a cause & for each other**

## Benefits of being a member of Nebraskans for the Arts

We value your membership and donations to NFTA. Your support is helping us



expand our capacity to advocate for art education, artists and arts organizations, and creative districts across the State of Nebraska. We are your VOICE in arts advocacy.

As a member of NFTA, you receive:

- Two Newsletters
  - NFTA Arts Update Newsletter (5 times a year)
  - Arts Advocate Newsletter (monthly starting in July)
- Reduced registration fee for Arts Advocacy Day.
- Advocacy support and a voice at the state and federal levels.

## JOIN NFTA TODAY!

Your support of Nebraskans for the Arts, combined with other arts advocates and supporters, helps us reach out to policymakers and community leaders as we share the impact of the arts on our economy and the importance of arts education for our children.

Together, we can make a difference for the Arts.

Individual memberships start at \$25/year.

**BSG / ASE Grant Winners and Creative Districts are encouraged to join.  
We continue to advocate for you and your voice matters!**

JOIN NFTA



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