NEBRASKA ARTS COUNCIL

COVID-19 Financial Relief

I hope this message finds you safe and sound. The majority of the Nebraska Arts Council staff is working from home, so don't hesitate to contact them as needed. For those of you who have grant awards from us, you have received information on what to do if your program or project has been cancelled or postponed, so I will not address that here. What I would like to talk about is the other financial resources that are being made available to arts organizations and artists.

First, I'm sure you're wondering about the $75 million dollars has been allocated to the National Endowment for the Arts as part of the CARE economic relief package. 40% of the $75 million will go to the state arts agencies. At this time, we do not know how much the Nebraska Arts Council will receive, nor do we know what the rules will be for us to release that money to you. Once we know, you'll be the first to know.

Second, the other financial resources that have been released as part of the CARE legislation are also available to you as nonprofits and artists. These programs are being run through the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and banks. For nonprofits that are worried about meeting payroll, the easiest and quickest relief is through the SBA's Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). Here is the link to the program: https://www.sba.gov/document/sba-form-ppp-check-protection-program-ppp-sample-application-form

Artists, you are eligible for the SBA's Disaster Loan Assistance program. Here is the language that makes you eligible "Applicant is an individual who operates under a sole proprietorship, with or without employees, or as an independent contractor." Nonprofits and tribal businesses are also eligible.

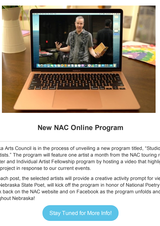
Here is the link for that program: https://covid19relief.sba.gov/# . It is my understanding that the application process is longer.

Your questions about either program are best directed to the SBA or your bank. Here is the SBA Customer Service Center information: 1-800-659-2955 or (TTY: 1-800-877-8339), DisasterCustomerService@sba.gov.

We'll keep informing you as news reaches us. In the meantime, remember that there is an extensive list of other resources on our website: https://www.artscouncil.nebraska.gov/covid19.html .

Best wishes,

- Studio Clips -
Meet Nebraska Artists



New NAC Online Program

The Nebraska Arts Council is in the process of unveiling a new program titled, "Studio Clips. Meet Nebraska Artists." The program will feature one artist a month from the NAC touring roster, teaching roster and Individual Artist Fellowship program by hosting a video that highlights a recent project, or a project in response to our current events.

Included in each post, the selected artists will provide a creative activity prompt for viewers. Matt Maxon, our Nebraska State Poet, will kick off the program in honor of National Poetry Month. Please check back on the NAC website and on Facebook as the program unfolds and to meet artists throughout Nebraska!

Stay Tuned for More Info!

- Consider This -

Supporting and Sustainig the Creative Industries

Check out NASAA's Creative Economy State Profiles for information about how the arts impact Nebraska's economy!

Nebraska:
The U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis reports that arts and cultural production contributed $2,543,343,533 and 2.4% of the Nebraska economy,contributing 28,735 jobs.

More Info?

Arts Midwest Conference registration opens Mon. May 18

September 9 – 12, 2020 Omaha, NE

With an understanding that our time together will look and feel different, Arts Midwest is working with colleagues and partners to determine the best path forward and are hopeful the Conference can serve as a gathering for our community to reconnect, rebuild and heal together creatively. As part of this process, Arts Midwest is exploring options for adding virtual or online experiences to the Conference.

More Info?

Engaging the Arts Across the Juvenile Justice System

This Special Report explores research and programs that employ the arts along the juvenile justice continuum: in prevention, intervention, transition and healing.

View Report

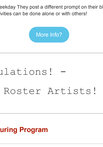
- Online Arts Events -

Lied Live Online Concert Series

Each weekend the Lied Center for Performing Arts brings artists safely into your home via their online live concert series. Upcoming artists include Flamenco guitarist Daniel Martinez (4/11), Soul artist Josh Hoyer (4/17), and classical pianist Paul Barnes (4/24).

More Info?

Midwest Theater Virtual Cinema



Midwest Theater is taking the magic of the movie theater, and combining it with the saftey of social distancing with their virtual cinema. The first film is Clover and it will be streaming from April 6 - April 8.

About Clover: *Two brothers "Irish Twins"- down on their luck, and in debt to a dangerous crime boss, must go on the run to save themselves, and a seemingly innocent teenage girl, after a job goes wrong, and she kills the crime boss's only son.*

More Info?

HCOF Creativity Prompt:

Picture This!

Holland Community Opera Fellowship (HCOF) is committed to being a creative and artistic resource to their community. Since they can't be in the community in person, they've adapted and created a few of their **#HCOFCreativityPrompts** for your use at home.

Each weekday They post a different prompt on their blog and share on social media platforms, these activities can be done alone or with others!

More Info?

- Congratulations! -
Welcome newest Roster Artists!

Nebraska Touring Program

Julie Baker Entertainment - Music
(Omaha) duo, trio, quintet

Shawn Cole - Music
(Fort) Singer/song writer

Philip Daniel - Music
(Lincoln) Classical Pianist

Olga Simola - Music
(Omaha) Solo Violin (jazz, pop, rock), Violin/Piano Duo, Violin DJ

Artists in Schools/Communities (AIS/C)

Rebecca Harrison - Visual Arts
(Omaha) Murals, painting, ceramics

Carrie Nath - Theatre
(Omaha) Creative movement, improvisation, Shakespeare

Colleen O'Doherty - Literature
(Omaha) Creative writing, slam poetry, performance

Sarah Rowe - Visual Arts
(Omaha) Mixed media, painting, nature inspired art

Tracy Schacht - Literature
(Council Bluffs, IA) Poetry, performance poetry, slam

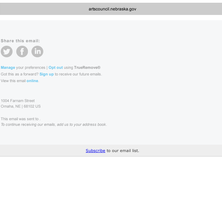
Hugo Zamorano - Visual Arts
(Omaha) Murals, painting, spray paint

More Info?

Juan De La Cruz Crowned 2020 POL State Champion

Juan De La Cruz, a senior at Gordon-Rushville High School in Gordon, was named the 2020 Poetry Out Loud Nebraska State Champion. This is the first time that Gordon-Rushville High School, and POL Coordinator and Teacher, Kinley Hadden have produced a state champion since the program began 15 years ago. De La Cruz recited three poems, "Spangled" by Talia Lavatera , "Bent to the Earth" by Blas Manuel De Luna, and "The New Colossus" by Emma Lazarus. Each one could have competed at the national championship in Washington, D.C., which has been cancelled due to the health emergency.

De La Cruz, along with 13 other students from high schools across the state, competed for the title on Sunday, March 8, at the Sheldon Museum of Art in Lincoln. Jayden Leonard from Thayer Central Community Schools of Hebron was named first runner-up, and Lauren Hubert from Skutt Catholic High School of Omaha was named second runner-up.



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