

Everything *Arts Education* from the Mississippi Department of Education

Arts Education Newsletter

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Welcome!

Through the Mississippi Department of Education monthly Arts (Dance, Media Arts, Music, Theatre and Visual Arts) Update, you can look for monthly professional development opportunities, resources, and other information specifically for Arts Educators.

Feel free to pass it along to any interested colleagues! Have a resource that you love or an event you want to share? Submit it via email to leubanks@mdek12.org to be shared in a future newsletter.

MUSIC

Mississippi Boychoir Audition Deadline Extended

Mississippi Boychoir invites you to send your male students in grades 5-12 to its first SATB Male Honor Choir Festival - UNA VOCE to be held at Tougaloo College on February 4th & 5th. Teacher information and Audition link can be found at <https://mississippiboychoir.org/una-voce>. Audition deadline has been extended to December 10, 2021! For questions, please email them to the Mississippi Boychoir at info@msboychoir.org.

THEATRE

Mississippi Theatre Association (MTA)

Mississippi Theatre Association (MTA), Call for workshop presenters for its annual festival that is scheduled for January 13 - 16, 2022 at the MSU Riley Center in Meridian. For more information visit [Workshop Presenter Proposal](#). To register as an individual for MTA 2022 visit the [MTA Membership](#) page. To register as an organization to attend MTA 2022 visit the [MTA Secondary](#) page.

VISUAL ARTS

Mississippi Art Education Association Youth Art Month Contests

Hello art teachers of Mississippi!

MAEA is excited to announce our upcoming Youth Art Month(YAM) activities! YAM encourages support for quality school art programs and promotes art material safety. The program provides unique opportunities for recognizing the skills developed through Visual Arts experiences, including critical-thinking, creativity, observation, and communication. Youth Art Month is an opportunity to share the importance of Arts education with our state. This year, we are hosting statewide contests including a flag design contest and a short-form video contest.

Flag Design Contest: The 2022 YAM theme is "Art Connects Us", and the contest is open to all K-12 students. Using the template linked below, students should create an original flag design based on the theme "Art Connects Us." The design should also include the words "Youth Art Month" and the name or image of Mississippi. Photos or scanned images of the final designs and release forms should be emailed to lbryant@laurelschools.org by **January 24, 2022**.

[Click here to download the YAM Flyer, Flag Template, & Release Form.](#)

Prizes will be awarded to each category: Overall Winner, Elementary, Middle School, and High School. Donations will also be made to the winning art programs. The overall winner's flag will be featured at the Arts Day at the Capitol in Jackson, MS, and it will also be displayed at the National Art Education Association (NAEA) convention in New York, NY.

Short Form Video Contest: Students and teachers can submit 7, 15, or 30 second videos describing how important art education is to you. Videos will be due by March 11, 2022. More information on how to upload these to a Google Drive will be coming soon. The videos will be featured at the Arts Day at the Capitol as well as distributed throughout the state to support arts education.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone's submissions and flag designs! If you have any questions, please contact Landon Bryant, MAEA's Youth Art Month Chair, at lbryant@laurelschools.org.

Mississippi Department of Archives & History - Walter Anderson Elementary and Secondary Resources

Walter Anderson

[Traveling trunks](#) are a great resource to make learning in the classroom interactive and contain a complete teacher's notebook and lesson plans. Our Walter Anderson trunk is one of the most popular and we offer both an elementary and high school version. The Walter Anderson trunk allows students to explore various maps and create their own print through printmaking! Reservations for this trunk are filling up, so request your Walter Anderson trunk [here now](#)

Instructional Resources for the Arts: Dance, Media Arts, Music, Theatre, Visual Arts

Mississippi College- and Career-Readiness Arts Learning Standards visit www.mdek12.org/ESE/Arts

College Board Advanced Placement Resources

Find all things Advanced Placement for [AP Students](#), [AP Central](#). These links will take you to a wealth of other Advanced Placement resources. If you are an AP Science Teacher, take the time to become familiar with these valuable resources and information.

Mississippi Arts Listserv

To subscribe to the Mississippi Arts Listserv, send a message to leubanks@mdek12.org with "Subscribe Arts Listserv" as the subject of the e-mail. Please include your name, art discipline, (Dance, Media Arts, Music, Theatre, or Visual Arts) as well as the name of your school and district in Mississippi.

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