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OHIO ALLIANCE FOR ARTS EDUCATION

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## ARTS FYI

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### White House releases official proclamation for National Arts and Humanities Month in October

President Joe Biden signed on September 29, 2023, a proclamation declaring **October as Arts And Humanities Month** and called upon the people of the United States to observe the month with appropriate programs, ceremonies and celebrations.

According to the President, National Arts and Humanities Month provides an opportunity to “....celebrate all of the artists and scholars who have dared to reveal the good, bad, and truth of our Nation, and, in the process, have strengthened the covenant that is our democracy.”

The President added that his Administration is “...committed to ensuring that appreciation of and **access to the arts and humanities are within the reach of every American.**”

National Arts and Humanities Month (NAHM) was launched by Americans for the Arts more than 30 years ago, and is “...a collective recognition of the importance of culture in America.”

See AFTA’s **resource page for studies and facts that support Arts and Humanities**, including details that support “Ten Reasons to Support the Arts,” and information about the release on October 12th of the latest *Arts and Economic Prosperity 6 (AEP6)* study. [HERE.](#)

### TEN REASONS TO SUPPORT THE ARTS

1. Arts unify communities.
2. Arts improve individual well-being.
3. Arts strengthen the economy.
4. Arts drive tourism and revenue to local businesses.
5. Arts improve academic performance.
6. Arts spark creativity and innovation.
7. Arts have social impact.
8. Arts improve healthcare.
9. Arts for the health and well-being of our military.
10. Arts strengthen mental health.

Source: The White House Briefing Room, (September 29, 2023) “Proclamation on National Arts and Humanities Month, 2023” [HERE.](#)

Source: Americans for the Arts, Arts and Humanities Month [HERE.](#)



### **Grab your calendars and mark these dates!**

Join your colleagues from across Ohio gather for creative conversations about arts education. These monthly, informal workshops cover broad topics where teachers and state organizations update, inform and inspire each other.

**Register for the next Building Bridges, October 24, [HERE](#).**

Find future registrations in upcoming Arts Online (AOI) Newsletters.

**Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm**

**Oct. 24, 2023** – Getting to Know the Ohio Teaching Artist Roster and Ohio Arts Council

**Nov. 28, 2023** – FUNding the Arts: Overview of Federal Funding Available to Support Arts Programs

**Jan. 23, 2024** – Arts Education Data Dashboard: Exciting Updates for Ohio

**Feb. 27, 2024** – High-Quality Instruction, Materials and Data in the Arts

**Mar. 26, 2024** – BACKstage Exam: Measuring High School Tech Success



Colleagues from across the country building  
and sharing arts education resources

### **Upcoming opportunity this December!**

*How can the Smithsonian American Arts Museum help you to teach?*

Join us for the 2-part session and explore artworks, artists and the creative process.

Expand a repertoire of how to tell America's stories through arts-interdisciplinary activities that can immediately be used in K-12 classrooms. Lesson examples will include using art and art strategies to teach visual art, history, social studies, theatre and music.

**Register for Blurred Borders for arts education,  
December 7 and 14 below.**

Earn 3 hours of contact hours for attending both sessions, or 1.5 for attending one.

**Thursdays, 4:30-6:00 pm**

**Dec. 7, 2023** – How can the Smithsonian American Museum help you teach? **Part 1, [HERE](#).**  
(this is a repeat of the September 7 presentation)

**Dec. 14, 2023** – How can the Smithsonian American Museum help you teach? **Part 2, [HERE](#).**