

## Subject: The A+ 411: October Community Happenings...

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### Community Happenings and Resources for Educators

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## SAVE THESE DATES!

### A+ Fall Mini-Institute 2 - for Principals and Coordinators who were unable to attend the meetings in September

Oct 14, OKC Museum of Art, 4:30-6:30pm ([Register here.](#))

### A+ Regional Networking Meetings

Tulsa: Oct 16, 1:00-3:30pm, Philbrook Museum of Art ([Register here.](#))

OKC: Nov 6, 1:00-3:30pm, City Arts Center, Oklahoma City ([Register here.](#))

### [Creativity World Forum](#) Nov 15-17, Oklahoma City

#### EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION DISCOUNT ENDS OCT 15!

Group Rates for OK A+ Schools: People in A+ network schools may contact Robin Mickel at [rmickel@wciconferences.org](mailto:rmickel@wciconferences.org) to register for full conference participation as part of the OK A+ Schools group. Group Rates will be based on the number of registrations received (\$350 for 10 people, \$325 for 20, \$300 for 25 and up) .  
Academia Pass for students & educators: \$95 (Per day, includes meals and all activities at the Cox Convention Center, no evening events)

Please see LOOKING AHEAD section below to read about the A+ student connection to the Forum.

## Contest Announcement ...

### The Tom & Judy Love Creative Students Competition is Here!

Help your students discover the joys of creativity. [Sign up](#) today to receive **Share Your Creativity with the World!**, an educational program and contest designed to encourage your students to think creatively about their communities, schools and businesses. Explore the world of creativity with your students as they learn about what it means to be creative, how Oklahoma is a creative frontier, and what creativity looks like around the world. Contest entrants will receive free digital delivery of *The Oklahoman* on Mondays, Oct 18 through Nov 1, with 3 weekly in-paper lessons to accompany the contest. **Registration form is due by Friday, Oct 15.**

Who may enter: K-12 students

Entries may include, but are not limited to: essays, videos, and other artistic and creative forms.

Sponsors: Creative Oklahoma, Love's Travel Stops & Country Stores, and *The Oklahoman's* Newspapers in Education

Prizes include: a college tuition waiver, cash awards (up \$4,500 for your classroom and \$500 for your student winner!), and gift certificates. Winners will be announced at the 2010 Creativity World Forum in November in Oklahoma City.

Links: [Contest Flyer](#), [Creative Oklahoma](#), [Newspapers in Education](#)

## New A+ Partner, Oklahoma City Ballet, Offers Free Tickets to *The Phantom of the Opera*!

Sunday, Oct 31, 2:00pm

Civic Center Music Hall, 201 N Walker Ave, OKC, 73102

Oklahoma City Ballet has graciously offered free tickets to A+ schools and students. Don't miss the world premiere original adaptation of the famous Gaston Leroux novel, *The Phantom of the Opera*. Christine is a promising young ballerina in the Paris Opera Ballet who catapults to stardom with the love and support of the mysterious, masked phantom. However, his love is deadly, and her success comes at a price.

A+ Schools, please [contact your A+ Regional Coordinator by Oct 18 for your free tickets!](#)

**Check out these creative activities, events and resources across the state!**

If you would like to have your information considered for publication, please contact us at [aplusmail@uco.edu](mailto:aplusmail@uco.edu).

## OCTOBER...

### City Arts Center at Fair Park presents Film Night...*Citizen Architect*

Wed, Oct 6 at 6:30pm

3000 General Pershing Blvd., Oklahoma City

Enjoy the film, refreshments, and good company. Discussion with director Sam Douglas and architect Dave Boeck will follow the screening. [Learn more about Film Night.](#)

### Classes at City Arts Center

Enrollment for Fall Classes (Adult and Youth) and Children's Fall Break and Winter Break Camps is now open! Many classes begin during the week of Oct 4. [Information](#)

### Exhibits at City Arts Center...Nigel Hall, Royal Academician, and Delvie McPherson

Oct 12 - Dec 18, Opening Reception - Oct 12, 7:00-8:30pm [Information](#)

The Nigel Hall exhibition spans four decades and includes two sculptures, more than 35 drawings, and 25 maquettes, models and small sculptures. Hall's work has been exhibited around the world and is in numerous world-renowned museums. Delvie McPherson, an Oklahoma Visual Arts Coalition 2010 Momentum Spotlight Artist, metalsmith, and jewelry designer, will create a mixed media installation for the Circle Gallery using found and natural elements.

### [Artspace] at Untitled - *Altered Books* exhibition

1 NE 3rd Street, Oklahoma City

On view through October 9, *Altered Books* features book art by artists from across the United States and Canada. Don't miss this amazing exhibit that focuses on the book as object in a primarily sculptural sense. Complimenting the exhibit is *On Reading: Selections from the Photographic Society of America Collection* featuring 21 photographic prints portraying humanity's love affair with books. [Click here](#) for more information and a peek at the exhibit. [\[Artspace\] at Untitled](#) is open to the public Thursday and Friday 10am-5pm and Saturday 10am-4pm. Admission is free.

### Living Arts of Tulsa presents *OK Electric*

Fri-Sat, Oct 15-16 \$5 at the door

307 E. Brady Street, Tulsa

This annual event showcases a wide variety of electronic music presented by Oklahoma artists. The event will explore many facets of the electronic music genre through live performances, how-to workshops, video presentations and more. [Information](#)

### Clark Youth Theatre announces... the musical *Annie!*

October 15-16 & 21-23 at 7:30 pm and October 17 & 24 at 2:00 pm

4825 S Quaker Ave, Tulsa 74105

Tickets are \$7 for students and seniors and \$10 for adults. Call 746-5065 for [information](#) and reservations.

### Evening at the Fed - Dinner and Discussion for Educators on Nov 2

Register by Oct. 22 (Earlier is best, as space is limited.)

Location: Oklahoma City Branch, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, 226 Dean A. McGee Ave, Suite 300

The Oklahoma City Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City invites Oklahoma educators to attend Evening at the Fed, a professional development opportunity to hear a presentation about the current state of our economy.

Guests will also receive materials to help apply the information learned in the classroom. There is no cost to attend, but registration is required. Information and registration at <http://eveningatthefed.kcfed.org>; contacts: Sarah Shahan

405-270-8619 [sarah.shahan@kc.frb.org](mailto:sarah.shahan@kc.frb.org); Annette Phillips, (800) 333-1030, ext. 38464, [annette.f.phillips@kc.frb.org](mailto:annette.f.phillips@kc.frb.org)

### **Skeleton Making Workshop at Living Arts of Tulsa**

Sat, Oct 23 & Sat, Oct 30

307 E. Brady Street, Tulsa

This workshop is for anyone who would like to build a skeleton for Dia de Los Muertos (Day of the Dead). Mexicans and their ancestors have used skeletons for centuries to demonstrate that people do not need to fear Death but can dance and play with Death. The workshop is a fun, cultural activity that will better enable students of all ages to understand the Celebration of Dia de Los Muertos. Workshop participants are encouraged to bring their skeletons to the Skeleton Dance at the Dia de Los Muertos Arts Festival on Nov 1. [Living Arts web site](#)

### **Red Earth Museum - *RETROspective* Exhibit**

6 Santa Fe Plaza in downtown Oklahoma City

The museum's current exhibit, *RETROspective*, is a compilation of art from the museum's permanent collection that has rarely been seen by the public. The show, **on view through October 31**, features the artwork of prominent American Indian artists. The Red Earth Museum & Gallery is free of charge, open Monday-Saturday, 10am-5pm. With advance scheduling, Red Earth staff will provide special tours for school groups and home school students, as well as assist students and adults in utilizing the resources of their research library. [Click here](#) for more information or call 405-427-5228.

### **Educators' Opening at Philbrook Museum of Art ...**

Thursday, October 28, 4 - 6pm

2727 South Rockford Road, Tulsa, OK 74114

*Adaptation*: Video Installations by Guy Ben-Ner, Arturo Herrera, Catherin Sullivan, and Eve Sussman & the Rufus Corporation

Educators will learn more about this special exhibition through hands-on art projects and take-home materials with exhibition resources that can be utilized in the classroom. No registration required. Free to educators. Contact: Cindy Williams, Museum Educator, at 918-749-7941 or [cwilliams@philbrook.org](mailto:cwilliams@philbrook.org) Website: <http://www.philbrook.org/>

### **Oklahoma Children's Theatre presents *River Rat and Cat* by Y York**

October 15 - 29, 2010

Children's Center for the Arts, OCU, 2501 N. Blackwelder, OKC 73102

[Click here](#) for information or call 405 606-7003. [oklahomachildrenstheatre.org](http://oklahomachildrenstheatre.org)

[Click here](#) to learn how to bring this production to your school at no cost to you.

## **STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES...**

### **2010 Geography Awareness Week Postcard Contest Celebrating the Theme of Fresh Water**

Ready to take your students on a geographical exploration of the world's fresh water? Have each student design a postcard for a chance to win prizes for both the student and the classroom in OKAGE's 5th Annual Postcard contest- including cash prizes, interactive globes, atlases and more! Every student who submits an entry will receive a National Geographic map! Winners will be announced during Geography Awareness Week, November 14-20, 2010.

Postmark deadline: Friday, October 29, 2010.

Four entrance categories: PreK-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12.

[Information](#) - [Flyer with rules and entry form](#)

### **National Security Language Initiative-Youth Program...sends American teenagers abroad for a summer, semester, or academic year in order to learn critical languages.**

This U.S. government-sponsored scholarship program covers all student expenses! Applications are being accepted now for next summer's program (2011) and for the semester or year programs for 2011-12. Applicants must be U.S. citizens, between 15 and 18 1/2 years old at the start of the program, currently enrolled in high school at the time of application, with at least a 2.5 GPA. NSLI-Y Programs offer scholarships to learn Arabic, Chinese, Hindi, Korean, Persian, Russian, and Turkish in unique language immersion programs in China, Egypt, India, Jordan, Korea, Morocco, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkey, and other countries around the world. Website: [www.nsliforyouth.org](http://www.nsliforyouth.org)

Application deadline: Nov 11, 2010. Transcripts, essay question completion, recommendations, parent statement, and photos are required.

## **LOOKING AHEAD...**

### **The African Children's Choir - Sunday, November 7, 2010 ~ 7:00 p.m.**

Douglass High School Auditorium, 900 N Martin Luther King Ave, OKC

For more information call the Black Liberated Arts Center at 405-524-3800 or visit <http://www.blacinc.org/>

### **Process vs. Product in Arts Education - 5:30 p.m., Nov. 9, at City Arts Center**

Presented by The Arts Council of Oklahoma City and City Arts Center, this workshop will offer professional development, networking, and opportunities for teaching artists to learn from each other and hear from different groups that provide arts education programming in Oklahoma City.

For more information, call Jennifer Barron, Arts Council of Oklahoma City Community Arts Program Director, 405-270-

4848, or Josh Buss, City Arts Center Education Director, 405-951-0000. [Register online.](#)

### **Play Reading Workshop at Henthorne Performing Arts Center**

Saturdays, Nov 13-Dec 11 (no class Thanksgiving weekend), 2-2:45pm. Ages 8-18. Free! [Information](#)  
4825 S Quaker Ave, Tulsa, 74105

### **Creativity World Forum**

#### **Nov. 15-17, Oklahoma City**

When you hear people talk about "creative schools for the 21st Century," what do they mean? What if we asked the students themselves that question? [Oklahoma A+ Schools](#) and London England's [A New Direction](#) program decided to do just that. As a result, a team of students from London will join Oklahoma students onstage at the Creativity World Forum to be held in downtown OKC from November 15-17, 2010.

Don't miss this opportunity to connect and create, right here in Oklahoma City, as the international Districts of Creativity "converge" on our state, the only recognized district of creativity in the United States. Register before October 15 and save \$100. Go to [www.stateofcreativity.com](http://www.stateofcreativity.com) for registration link. For more information about who is coming and what will happen, [click this link.](#)

## **ONGOING...**

### **Oklahoma State Department of Education Social Studies ListServ**

Contact Kelly Curtright, Director of Social Studies Education, to receive his informative ListServ emails.  
[Kelly\\_Curtright@sde.state.ok.us](mailto:Kelly_Curtright@sde.state.ok.us)

### **Oklahoma State Department of Education Arts in Education List Serv**

Contact Glen Henry, Director of Arts in Education, to receive HIS ListServ emails. [Glen\\_Henry@sde.state.ok.us](mailto:Glen_Henry@sde.state.ok.us)

### ***Gilcrease Goes to School and Art Sparks***

Do you want the Gilcrease Museum to come to your school? Then this is the program for you! Through the *Gilcrease Goes to School* program, docents visit your school to present the program of your choice as it relates to the Americas and its inhabitants. Presentations are written with the PASS Objectives in mind and are designed to complement history and art curricula. With *Art Sparks*, a teaching artist will return to your classroom to engage the students in a related art activity (two separate visits to the class are required). Basic art concepts will be reviewed, as well as an exploration in materials. **Programs are presented at not cost to your school!** (if within 100 miles from the museum) [Click here](#) for more information or contact Lanette Coppage at 918.596.2737 or [lanette-coppage@utulsa.edu](mailto:lanette-coppage@utulsa.edu). Visit the Gilcrease Museum [website](#) to learn about other opportunities, including classes, workshops, and transportation funding for school visits to the museum.

### **Lyric Theatre and Devon Present 1776 Interactive: A Musical Celebration of America's Independence ...**

The 1776 Interactive acting troupe will offer FREE performances from September 2010 through May 2011. [Click here](#) to learn how to bring this production to your school. Contact Matthew Sipress at 405-524-9310 ext. 105 or [matthew@lyrictheatreokc.com](mailto:matthew@lyrictheatreokc.com) to be entered on the waiting list for a performance in your school; performances will be added based on available funding.

### **Creative Thinking ... Problem Solving ... A Positive Self-concept ... Recognizing That Each of Us Has Unique Gifts ...**

...all goals for students encouraged by A+ teachers every day. Dr. Cheryl Steele, career educator and children's author, would love to visit your classroom and/or school to share her children's books, which support these same goals. Students enjoy hearing the stories and interacting around the content, and your academic goals are reinforced at the same time. All three books have free audio downloads and free teaching suggestions. A+ schools can schedule a visit by contacting Dr. Steele at [csauthor1@cox.net](mailto:csauthor1@cox.net). She is happy to meet with parents, too, if there is a message you would like your students' parents to hear. Students and teachers in A+ schools may purchase Dr. Steele's books at a special discounted price when she visits. Her 4th book will be available in January, 2011. *After Dark at the Zoo... What Do the Animals Do?* is guaranteed to bring giggles and creative ideas to all readers. For additional information, visit Dr. Steele's website at [www.specialtimepress.com](http://www.specialtimepress.com).

### **Mount Vernon Education Newsletter... Resources and links for your Oklahoma classroom**

[Read More About Mount Vernon](#)

### **Philbrook Museum of Art: MyMuseum Program and Free Second Saturdays**

2727 South Rockford Road, Tulsa, OK 74114  
Contact: Cindy Williams, Museum Educator, at (918) 749-7941  
or [williams@philbrook.org](mailto:williams@philbrook.org) Website: <http://www.philbrook.org/>

### **Oklahoma City Museum of Art**

[Click here](#) for information on school tours and bus sponsorship (first come-first served) or contact Brittany Kelly, Education Programs, at 405-236-3100 or 800-579-9278, ext. 213, or E-mail [reservations@okcmoa.com](mailto:reservations@okcmoa.com).

### **Bring Colonial American History to Life for Your Students!**

Community Colonial Days [www.colonialday.org](http://www.colonialday.org) is a comprehensive web site of tips and resources for creating a Colonial Day event in your School District or Community

- ◆ Large and small-group activities
- ◆ Location ideas
- ◆ Funding sources
- ◆ Colonial costume ideas
- ◆ Historical documents
- ◆ Helpful links and lesson plans
- ◆ Colonial games and educational materials for checkout
- ◆ Historical characters/Speakers

A service of the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence, recognizing and encouraging academic excellence in Oklahoma's public schools. For more information, visit [www.ofe.org](http://www.ofe.org) or call 405-236-0006.

#### An Online Resource... [www.ArtForSmallHands.com](http://www.ArtForSmallHands.com).

A word about the host. Julie Voigt taught art at the Hong Kong International School and more recently at the Elementary Workshop Montessori School in Wilmington, Delaware. She is widely recognized as an outstanding teacher and mentor. She has now started a blog to share her art lessons more broadly as a resource for elementary and middle school teachers. The site features art lessons for children aged three to thirteen that she found to be especially successful in her twenty-five years of teaching. Each lesson is self-contained and intended for use in school art programs. She will be adding a new lesson every two weeks.



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