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Grants to Artists and Organizations (GAO) is the Colorado Council on the Arts' primary grant program. Through GAO awards, the Council partners with individuals, arts organizations, community groups, and municipal and state agencies to help achieve the state agency's mission and goals. Grants to Artists and Organizations are awarded annually on a competitive basis. Grant requests are reviewed by regional panels that make funding recommendations to the Council. The review criteria are:

- Artistic excellence and merit of proposed activities;
- Community involvement and benefit from proposed activities; and
- Implementation capacity, such as effective planning, management, and budgeting of the project.

Several changes have been incorporated into the revised guidelines, as a result of a 25% budget cut for CCA. Maximum grant requests are reduced to \$18,000, CCA has temporarily lowered the cash match requirement, and grant applications will be reviewed by region. Potential applicants should read the guidelines for full details.

The GAO guidelines and application can be accessed from the CCA web site at www.coloarts.org. Applications are due on April 23, 2009 and only online applications will be accepted.

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The 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act includes an additional \$50 million in one-time National Endowment for the Arts funding for job preservation. The deadline for direct NEA Recovery funds has passed. However, indirect Recovery funds will be available through the CCA with a deadline of July 16. Eligibility will be restricted to nonprofit organizations or state or local agencies that have received a GAO or YouthReach award in fiscal years 2007 through 2010. Guidelines will be posted to the CCA website at www.coloarts.org in early May. Applicants for an award through Grants to Artists and Organizations may also apply for Recovery funds. Applicants who have already applied for direct NEA Recovery funds may also apply for indirect funds through CCA but may only receive one award.



CCA Posts Strategies for Art Organization in Challenging Times

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Colorado Council on the Arts has developed [Turnaround Ideas](http://www.coloarts.org/opportunities/ideas/index.htm), [http://www.coloarts.org/opportunities/ideas/index.htm] a comprehensive list of resources for artists and art organizations during these challenging times. Resources include articles, blogs and web sites for promoting the value of the arts, using technology & social media, marketing strategies, management issues, and fundraising. We will continue to add resources over the next few months. If you know of a resource that should be added, contact Heidi Elliott at heidi@beanstalk-marketing.com.

16-year-old Student Wins Poetry Out Loud State Championship

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Kaleena Kovach, a 16-year-old student from William J. Palmer High School in Colorado Springs, successfully competed for the title of Colorado State Champion of the *Poetry Out Loud: National Recitation Contest*. Kristina Sherman from Sand Creek High School, also in Colorado Springs, was named State Runner Up.

On March 16, students from high schools around the state participated in the fourth annual poetry contest for a chance at the Colorado state title. Represented schools were from the Denver Metro area as well as Niwot, Colorado Springs, Swink and Estes Park.

Each student recited three poems and was scored in six categories including physical presence, voice projection and articulation, overall performance, and accuracy. Participating students won the opportunity to compete at the state level after winning recitation contests at the classroom, grade, and school-wide levels.



Ms. Kovach's winning recitations were "Somewhere to Paris" by Richard Blanco, "They are Hostile Nations" by Margaret Atwood, and "Come Up From the Fields, Father" by Walt Whitman.

When asked what poetry means to her, Ms. Kovach said, "I love poetry with all of my heart. I read and write it every chance I get and hope to major in writing in college!"

As State Champion, Ms. Kovach receives \$200 and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. next month to compete in the national finals of Poetry Out Loud. Her school receives \$500 for the purchase of poetry books for the school library. The Runner Up, Ms. Sherman, will be awarded \$100 and \$200 for the Sand Creek High School library.

The contest is administrated by the Colorado Council on the Arts and sponsored by the national Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation. Lighthouse Writers Workshop, a Colorado non-profit organization, helped coordinate the program this year.

Colorado Arts Education Summit April 25

Help ensure local students receive a quality arts education

The free Colorado Arts Education Summit will take place on Saturday, April 25th from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Auraria Campus in Denver. Come together to share ideas, resources, build skills and develop tangible action steps to improve arts education at your local school. Team up to recruit a tem of four or more - parents, teachers, administrators, artists and community members working together - and your school could receive a \$500 mini-grant. Free childcare and kids arts workshop. Register to attend the free summit at www.denvergov.org/artsedsummit.



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Special thanks to our presenters: Colorado Council on the Arts, Denver Office of Cultural Affairs



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Partners in Performance provides two concerts for the benefit of a selected presenting organization, whose financial obligation consists of a token administrative fee paid to PiP — substantially less than an artist's usual fee. The two concerts will take place within consecutive concert seasons: the first, a recital by a high-profile artist such as Midori and Jonathan Biss; the second, a solo or duo recital by a rising young artist with a local connection. The presenter keeps all proceeds from ticket sales, to be used at its discretion to fund future classical music projects or programs.

Partners in Performance will accept applications for the 2010/2011 program cycle through June 1, 2009. Application forms and full eligibility guidelines can be downloaded from www.pipmusic.org.

In fifteen venues across America, Partners in Performance concerts have had striking results. Recitals by PiP founder and violinist Midori have stimulated interest in chamber music, attracted new audiences and new donors and have helped the respective organizations expand their education and performance programs.

The New Creative Space Agent Web Site

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Whether you're looking for a place to practice a ditty, rehearse some moves, corral the choral group or paint a masterpiece, look no further than Creative Space Agent. Creative Space Agent is a Web portal designed to help you find space – for sale, for lease, or temporary – to create in the City and County of Denver. CSA can also assist you with finding people with whom to share space and with arts-related services like darkrooms, editing suites and production studios. Check it out at www.creativespaceagent.org.



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Free information on Calls for Entry

The Colorado Council on the Arts Art in Public Places Program posts all Calls for Entry on CaFÉ, www.callforentry.org, an online system managed by Western States Arts Federation. CaFÉ is free to artists and images and information is secure. Artists can manage calls while traveling by checking the status of the submission and receive notification of all Calls posted on CaFÉ. Colorado artists are also encouraged to create a profile on www.artistsregister.com. For further information on Colorado's Art in Public Places Program check out the [CCA website](http://www.cca.org) (<http://www.coloarts.state.co.us/programs/public/calls/index.htm>) or email jil.rosentrater@state.co.us.