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#### **New Grant Deadlines Announced for Artists, Organizations, Schools**

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New deadlines have been set for the 2009-10 Grants to Artists and Organizations (GAO) and Success through Art (StART Schools). The deadline for GAO is April 23, 2009. The deadline for StART Schools is May 7. Guidelines and online application forms will be posted to [www.coloarts.org](http://www.coloarts.org) in the next two weeks. There will be slight changes, such as a lower maximum request and additional data requirements on jobs, but in general the programs are similar to previous years. The revised guidelines are based on a proposed 25% reduction in our state appropriation, which should be signed by the Governor shortly.

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) has announced a deadline of April 2 for direct one-time grants to eligible nonprofit organizations as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Applicants for these grants must be previous NEA award recipients from the past four years. For NEA Recovery funds guidelines, go to the [NEA web site \[http://www.arts.gov/recovery/nea-recovery-programs.html\]](http://www.arts.gov/recovery/nea-recovery-programs.html)

The Colorado Council on the Arts will also be receiving NEA Recovery funds for subgranting, and a separate deadline to apply for those funds will be set for July. To read the rest of the press release and see a list of Colorado applicants eligible to apply for direct NEA funding, [click here. \[http://www.coloarts.state.co.us/news/releases/pressrelease\\_3-12-09.html\]](http://www.coloarts.state.co.us/news/releases/pressrelease_3-12-09.html) Over the next several

days we will add further details to our website. We will also schedule a conference call at which you can ask questions. Please stay tuned, and thank you for your support and patience during these past two months. We know it has been a difficult time for everyone.

### **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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 team 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](http://www.denvergov.org/artsedsummit).



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CHILDCARE &  
KIDS ARTS  
WORKSHOP

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### **Governor Ritter Signs Bill to Help Nonprofits**

*Legislation allows qualifying nonprofits to save on procurement*

Gov. Bill Ritter signed legislation that will allow qualifying nonprofits save up to 40 percent on purchases by utilizing the state’s procurement system.

“We are all struggling to get through this tough economic downturn – families, nonprofits and government agencies alike,” Gov. Ritter said. “House Bill 1088 will lead Colorado forward by allowing nonprofits to save money on their purchases and then reinvest those dollars directly back into the vital safety-net services that more and more people need.”

Gov. Ritter signed HB 1088 (Balmer/Newell) during the Colorado Nonprofit Association’s Colorado Nonprofit Week Awards Luncheon. The bill allows nonprofits that receive government funding to purchase goods at prices negotiated by the State Purchasing Office in the Department of Personnel and Administration. The bill passed the House 60-5 and the Senate 26-9.

“The state will benefit because we will be able to increase our bulk purchasing power,” Gov. Ritter said. “This is truly a win-win-win partnership for all of us – for nonprofits, for the state and for the people we all serve.”



**March 21st.**  
**The day you go from fearful to fearless.**

This isn't just the date of the Create Denver Expo, but the moment in time you begin to build your own career. When you learn how to take control of all the small stuff that makes for big business. So write it on the calendar. And don't be afraid. You'll remember this day forever.

**CREATE DENVER EXPO**

Register online for \$5 beginning March 9:  
[www.regonline.com/CreateDenver](http://www.regonline.com/CreateDenver)

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### **Create Denver Expo**

*A day-long event for creative businesses*

The Create Denver Expo will be held Saturday, March 21 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Wellington E. Webb Municipal Building at 201 W. Colfax Ave. in Denver. The Expo is a day-long event that provides creative individuals and businesses a “one-stop” opportunity to learn and gain awareness of the various services and programs that can help them to stabilize their creative businesses and plan for the future. Workshops are lead by experts in the fields of marketing, personal and business finance, media relations, music and film production, and public art. Register online for \$5 at [www.regonline.com/CreateDenver](http://www.regonline.com/CreateDenver).



### **Professional Development Calendar**

Do you have an upcoming workshop, training or contest that artists would be interested in? Add your event to the Colorado Council on the Arts Professional Development Calendar. This Calendar is one of the most viewed pages on CCA's web site. It is intended for commissions, contests, calls-for-entry, auditions, workshops or other learning opportunities for artists and arts administrators. This calendar is not intended for performances or exhibits open to general audiences. You can [add an event](#) [<http://www.coloarts.state.co.us/calendar.asp>] by logging in or creating a new online account.