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AATA NEWS

White House Budget Proposes Defunding of Cultural Agencies



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In an announcement made earlier today, the White House released its preliminary proposed budget for FY2018. This budget blueprint for discretionary spending includes calls for the elimination of four independent cultural agencies — the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. According to the Washington Post, the NEA faces elimination of its \$148 million budget, which would directly affect NEA-supported art therapy programs and initiatives. **READ MORE**

Celebrate National Creative Arts Therapies Week with #CATW2017



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Each year the National Coalition of Creative Arts Therapies Associations (NCCATA) promotes the third week in March when “creative arts therapists sponsor special workshops, exhibitions, career days and other events to share their work with the public and other professionals.” We invite AATA members to contact the AATA National Office and the NCCATA with details about events that celebrate Creative Arts Therapies Week. Check out our Facebook page to explore organizations, such as Children’s Hospital Los Angeles or the Elder Care Alliance, that are honoring their art therapists and art therapy programs during this week.



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AATA Signs Joint Letter Advocating for the Protection of Children's Coverage



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 On March 10, 2017, AATA signed another joint letter to key legislators involved in recent broad-reaching, federal healthcare reorganization. This letter advocates for continued improvement of coverage for children and warns that sections of the American Healthcare Act move in the opposite direction of this goal. The letter was addressed to Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, Speaker Paul Ryan, Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, and Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi and strongly urges them to “keep the unique needs of children front and center and adopt a ‘do no harm’ standard for children as you consider any changes to the nation’s health care system.”

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Arts Advocacy Day 2017 Approaches

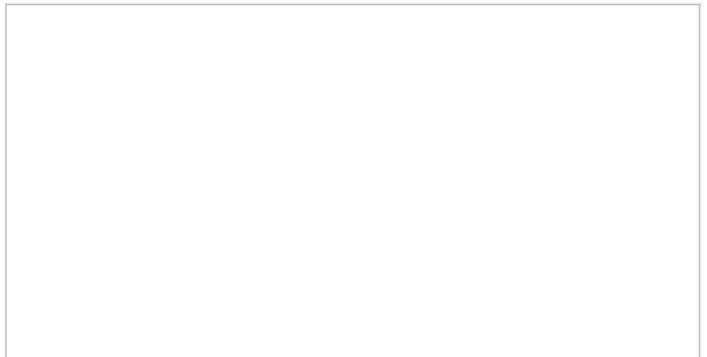
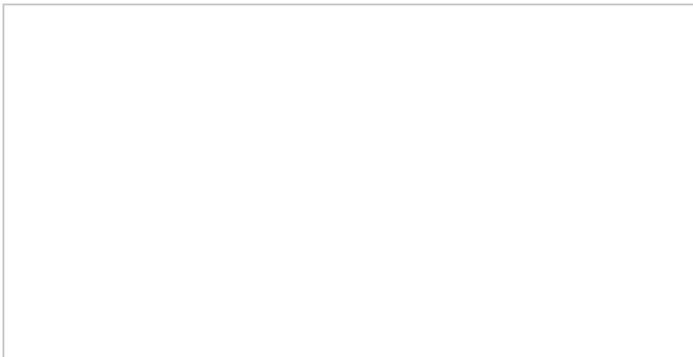


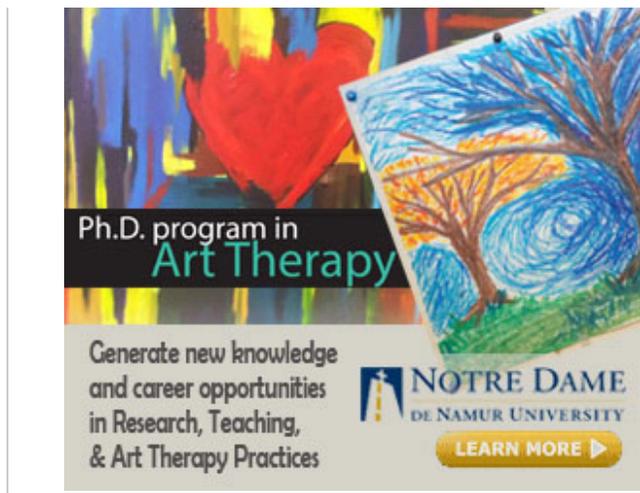
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 The 30th Annual Arts Advocacy Day event is just days away and will be held from March 20-21, 2017. Individuals in the Washington, DC area are invited to become advocates for the arts and to participate alongside the event host, Americans for the Arts (AftA), as well as over 85 partner organizations, including the American Art Therapy Association. It is as important as ever to network, strategize, and advocate for the continued advancement of the arts. Arts Advocacy Day provides the training and opportunities to meet with Members of Congress to bolster support for the arts, and discuss the essential role of arts in life, health, and well-being, for all of America’s peoples and communities.

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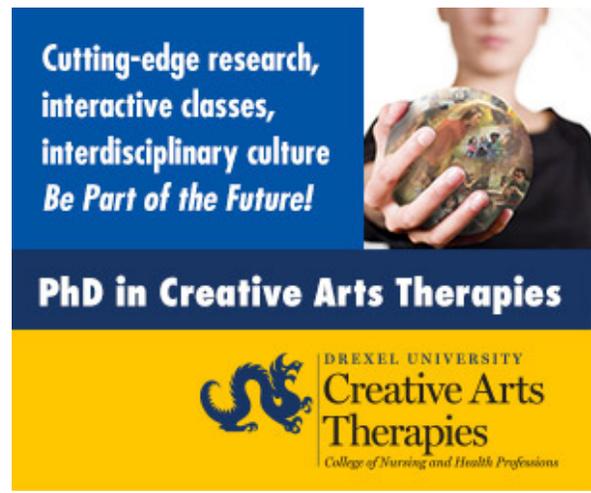


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Call for Papers on Medical Art Therapy



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Art Therapy: Journal of the American Art Therapy Association has announced its call for papers for a special issue on medical art therapy. The practice of art therapy in medical settings occurs in numerous contexts, for individuals with an array of conditions, and for all ages. We invite authors to submit content on medical art therapy services, programs, and research, reflecting on the diversity and impact of this practice. Instructions for authors can be found [here](#). The deadline for submissions is September 15, 2017.

AATA Featured Member



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Marion Gordon-Flower, BMA, Dip. T, MAAT (Clinical) Hons, AThR is registered with the Australian and New Zealand Arts Therapy Association (ANZATA) and is an international member of the AATA. She holds a Masters of Arts in Arts Therapy (Clinical) degree from Whitecliffe College of Arts and Design in Auckland, New Zealand and has been practicing in the health field in Auckland for eight years, working with clients who have physical disabilities. She has held several leadership positions in international art therapy organizations and is committed to person-centered, client-led approaches, which are inclusive of multicultural perspectives. Marion's AATA membership allows her "to stay up to date with new developments and current international issues relevant to art therapy." She notes that "New Zealand is a small nation of people with innovative attitudes; however, we are relatively isolated

geographically. [READ MORE](#)



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This Mount Mary University program advances working professionals' careers through an annual, summer 12-day residency, online coursework and practitioner-generated research to transform the profession.

Nominate Volunteer Officers and Directors of the Board



Megan Robb, ATR-BC, LPC, NCC, Nominating Committee Chair

The American Art Therapy Association (AATA) has opened nominations for Volunteer Officers and Directors of the Board. AATA's Nominating Sub-Committee invites nominations of qualified members to the following positions for a two-year term (2017-2019):

- President-Elect (1)
- Secretary (1)

- Directors (3)
- Nominating Sub-Committee (1)

You may submit your own name or a colleague's name for consideration as a nominee. Nominations must be received by May 5, 2017. [READ MORE](#)

IN THE NEWS

Statement from National Endowment for the Arts Chairman Jane Chu on the FY 18 Budget

National Endowment for the Arts

Recently we learned that the President's FY 2018 budget blueprint proposes the elimination of the National Endowment for the Arts. We are disappointed because we see our funding actively making a difference with individuals of all ages in thousands of communities, large, small, urban and rural, and in every Congressional District in the nation. We understand that the President's budget request is a first step in a very long budget process; as part of that process we are working with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to prepare information they have requested. [READ MORE](#)

College of New Rochelle to host Art Therapy workshop

Patch

The College of New Rochelle Graduate School — Division of Professional and Fine Arts will host a conference called "Art Therapy with Children: An Investment in Our Future" on Saturday, April 8. The day-long conference will focus on art therapy as a preventative tool in the treatment of children, with an emphasis on early diagnosis, which could significantly decrease the later development of pathologies that are more difficult to treat. [READ MORE](#)

Art therapy at One Thoresby Street

LeftLion

Emily Thursfield writes: "When I was first told that I was going to be sent to an art therapy session, I really wasn't sure what to expect. I didn't know if I'd start crying within the first ten minutes, if I was about to create the best painting I've done in my life, or where to find the door to One Thoresby Street. I did know that I was on my way to meet Kathryn Cooper, an art psychotherapist who had recently set up art therapy service, Creative Counsel. I was going to be spending an hour with her, where she would give me a therapy experience and show me what services she has to offer." [READ MORE](#)

How art therapy eases stress if you have cancer

Cleveland Clinic

When you or someone you love has cancer, a range of emotions — fear, anger, sadness — may overwhelm you at times. It's difficult to know how to channel those feelings. But art therapy can help you express yourself and cope with stress and anxiety. Art therapist Lisa Shea, ATR-BC, says art therapy can help the person with cancer and his or her loved ones cope. "Art therapists are specially trained to provide emotional support and assist patients and their family members in processing feelings," she says. [READ MORE](#)

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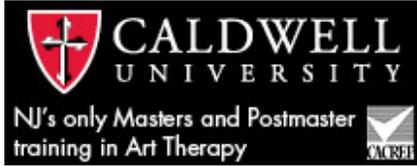
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