

May 2024 Newsletter



Warner Chamber at the Nebraska State Capitol during the Hall of Fame Induction

Here is what we have included for you in this month's newsletter:

- Advocacy at the Federal Level
- Nathan Murray, a local artist, creates Malcolm X Bust.
- Creative District Visits and Summer Art Events
- NAC Floating Grants Deadline
- Join Nebraskans for the Arts Today!

Advocacy at the Federal Level

Representatives of the Nebraska Arts Advocacy Network met with representatives from Congressman Bacon, Congressman Flood, and Senator Fischer's Offices during the week of May 13-17. We hope to connect with Senator Ricketts and Congressman Smith's office soon.



Our Legislative Asks focused on FY25 Appropriations for NEA & NEH and support for the Arts Education for All Act and Arts Education funding (ESSA).

For more information, please go to the **National Arts Advocacy Zoom-In Week.**

Nebraskans for the Arts participated in the National Arts Advocacy Zoom-In Week sponsored by **Americans for the Arts** and **Arts Action Fund.**

Nebraska Hall of Fame Inducts Malcolm X

The Nebraska Hall of Fame Commission and the Nebraska Arts Council selected Nathan Murray of Lincoln to design and create the bust of Malcolm X, also known as Malcolm Little and El Hajj Malik El Shabazz. The Nebraska Hall of Fame induction occurred on Wednesday, May 22 at the State Capitol.



Nathan Murray is a socially engaged artist and educator from Lincoln, Nebraska. His work explores issues of race, ethnicity, and intersectionality, particularly how these aspects of identity are expressed in people and their stories. Murray's artistic practice centers around creating life-like clay sculptures that examine nuanced representations of people and contemporary issues.

To learn more about Nathan Murray, please check out his **website.**

Creative District Visits



Dr. Nielsen, Executive Director of Nebraskans for the Arts, visited a few creative districts across the state this past month. With the summer upon us, we encourage everyone to explore the many different arts festivals, outdoor concert and theater performances, and creative district events across Nebraska.

Please check out the **Artist Events** available on the NAC website.

NAC Floating Grants Deadline

Nebraska Arts Council provides a variety of grants to support arts education and events.

The Floating Deadline Grants are open for projects occurring between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025. As you search for a grant to best meet your needs, please click on the grant name to learn more about the application, requirements, and deadlines.



Please visit the **Nebraska Arts Council Website** for more information.

It is not too late to join NFTA! JOIN NFTA TODAY!

Your support of Nebraskans for the Arts, combined with other arts advocates and supporters, helps us reach out to policymakers and community leaders as we share the impact of the arts on our economy and the importance of arts education for our children.

Please consider joining and donating to NFTA!
Together, we can make a difference for the Arts.

Individual memberships start at \$25/year.

Creative Districts is a new membership level and we welcome you to join NFTA.

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