

Cultural Trust Fund Newsletter



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This e-newsletter is designed to provide a brief update on the Wyoming Cultural Trust Fund and the happenings of its grant recipients. It is our promise that this e-newsletter be brief, interesting and hopefully something that will provide you with ideas and contacts with other organizations around the state. If you wish to have your activity highlighted in this e-newsletter, please contact **Renée Bovée**, WCTF Administrator.

U.W. Art Museum Master Teacher Endowment Challenge



In 2007 with WCTF support, the University of Wyoming Art Museum piloted a Master Teacher position in its education program. The Master Teacher works with preK-12 teachers and students on investigative museum teaching and learning curricula that supports classroom goals and Wyoming Education Standards. This dynamic approach has seen an increase in students who not only visit the U.W. Art Museum but who have very specific opportunities for tying their experience at the Museum with their classroom lessons. The success of the pilot program resulted in temporary funding of the position for 5 years...and a challenge to raise endowment funding to secure the position permanently.

This year the WCTF is pleased to help kick off a new endowment campaign with a \$40,000 challenge. The ultimate goal of the endowment campaign is a \$4 million fund which will support the Master Teacher as an endowed position. For more information about the U.W. Art Museum, its programs, its services, and curricular materials, visit their [website](#).

Wyoming Music Educators Association

The Wyoming Music Educators Association (WMEA) members include Kindergarten - 12th grade, college/university, and private music instructors throughout the state of Wyoming. The membership is diverse by geography, grade level and area of expertise. Public, private and parochial teachers are represented in their active, collegiate, and retired membership. WMEA is a non-profit 501(c)(3) association. WMEA is the state unit of NAME: the National Association for Music Education, the largest arts advocacy organization in the world. The intent of the association is to offer professional development for music teachers, provide opportunities for all music students to explore and excel in the arts, and to serve as an advocate for music education in the schools of Wyoming.

This year, the Wyoming Cultural Trust Fund is pleased to assist WMEA with support for their Executive Manager position. In the past 30 years the Executive Manager has gone from a rotation-elected volunteer treasurer to an elected executive management position with a \$2,000 annual stipend. As the demands of the Executive Manager have increased over time, along with the required expertise with finances, programs and services, conferences, policies and federal regulations, there was a need to direct more resources to supporting this important position. The WCTF is supplying a multi-year grant to allow time for the financial resources to be identified and allocated, and to allow the organization to continue to benefit from a dedicated individual.

For more information about this exciting organization...and all the opportunities they help support for our Wyoming youth in not only discovering but advancing in their musical training, visit their [website](#).

2012 WCTF Grant Applications Deadline Approaching



Okay, here's another reminder.... the **2012 Wyoming Cultural Trust Fund Grant Application** is now available! The next deadline for WCTF applications is May 1, 2012, for projects/events/activities which occur from July 1, 2012 onward. If you have an idea which you would like to bounce around, please contact the WCTF Administrator, Renée Bovée, at renee.bovee@wyo.gov or by calling 307-777-6312. I will be pleased to help, and I am always willing to review drafts (until, say, April 15 or so when I just get a little too swamped). Let me know what your needs and plans are, and let's see how we can make your application to the WCTF competitive!