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## CAAA Presidents' Message

- *Angela Griffin & Shannon Gagne*

Best Wishes to all CAAA members during this holiday season, especially to all performing and overseeing concerts and special events in your districts. This is one of the most important and highly visible times for Arts programs, a time where we inspire, infuse and support our communities through rich arts expression, and a time where we can bring hope and healing to those who are hurting. As the COVID landscape continues to constantly evolve, we are thankful for those programs that have been able to return to as much normalcy as possible. We will continue to reach out about the new phases of programs in our schools, and we will also keep you informed as we seek out updates about equity between arts masking requirements and sports masking requirements. As educational leaders we faced yet another challenging year in 2021. We did not begin or end the year as we had hoped, but nevertheless we persisted. Thank you for all that you do as leaders in your districts, and we are looking forward to new horizons in 2022. Happy Holidays and Happy New Year from the CAAA Executive Committee!



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**CAAA Executive Director’s Message - Rick Sadlon**

Plan ahead for our CT Summer Arts Curriculum Institute to be held in-person on July 11 -14, 2022 at the University of Hartford. This is an excellent opportunity to address the revision or creation of your district’s Standards-Based Arts Curriculum with the guidance and resources of experienced curriculum writers. Attendance is open to all arts teachers, leaders, administrators, or arts organizations. Registration details will be forthcoming in January.

CAAA has renewed our Educational Affiliates Membership with the CT Association of Boards of Education (CABE). They often have a call for articles. If any of our members would like to contribute an article to the CABE Journal, please contact me at: **[CTAAInfo@gmail.com](mailto:CTAAInfo@gmail.com)** for more information and guidelines. Our CAAA membership has an impressive list of experienced experts in many areas of Arts Education. If you are looking for Professional Development presenters for your district, please feel free to contact us for suggestions and other possible networking opportunities.

Thank you to our CAAA Officers, Angela Griffin, Shannon Gagne, Amy Perras, Jeff Spector, Cindy Parsons and Dee Hansen, our attorney Andrew Minor, our webmaster Andrea Haas, and to so many of you who have stepped up to lend a hand and contribute to our mission this past year. We look forward to working with all of to continue to support Arts Education in our state in 2022. Have a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year!

**CAAA 2021-2022 Calendar**

Date	Location	PD Session	Time
September 9	Zoom	TBA	8:30 am
October 14	Zoom	TBA	8:30 am
November 18	Zoom	TBA	8:30 am
December 9	Exec. Bd. Only		
January 20*	Univ. of Hartford	Social Justice	8:30 am
February 10	Milford Public Schools	Site Visit	TBA
March 12	CAS-Cheshire	Dr. James Weaver	9:00 am
May 12	State Capitol	Arts Advocacy Breakfast	TBA

**\*PLEASE NOTE:** – Our CAAA January Meeting and PD has changed to January 20th in at the University of Hartford Art School. The session will take place in person and it will also be livestreamed for those who cannot attend the live event. COVID mitigation strategies will be communicated prior to the session. The Scholastics Art Exhibit will be also on display, so this will also be a wonderful opportunity to view outstanding student artwork in our state! Our presenter for the professional development session will be **Tina Parziale from Real Art Ways in Hartford, CT.** The session will include information about opportunities for teachers and students at Real Art Ways related to social justice, including resources on culturally sustaining pedagogy. Additional information will be provided as we approach the date, so please mark your calendars for the revised date of January 20th.



**USEFUL LINKS**

**Visit CAAA at:**  
<http://www.ctaaa.net/>  
**Join us on Facebook:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/214126466519414>

**AEP Newsletter (Arts Education Partnership - A Subsidiary of ECS):**  
<https://www.aep-arts.org/artsed-digest/>

**CABE (CT Assoc. of Boards of Ed.) Link to CABE Journal:**  
[https://issuu.com/cabepublications/docs/cabe-december\\_journal\\_2021\\_ia](https://issuu.com/cabepublications/docs/cabe-december_journal_2021_ia)

**CMEA (CT Music Ed. Assoc.):** <https://cmea.org/>

**CAEA (CT Art Ed. Assoc.):** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/637174923000349/>

**COA (CT Office of the Arts):** <https://portal.ct.gov/DECD/Services/Arts-and-Creativity/About-the-Office-of-Arts>

**CAS (CT Assoc. of Schools):** <http://cas.casci-ac.org/>

**CAAE (CT Arts Alliance for Arts Educators) Facebook Page:** <https://www.facebook.com/ctalartseduc/>

**NFHS (Nat’l. Federation of State High School Assocs.)** <https://us20.campaign-archive.com/?u=25f7a9b243ad9edca826586a8&id=4dd903ae2e>

**CAAA DEI Statement**

*As communicated earlier this month, the CAAA Executive Committee composed a **diversity, equity and inclusion statement** indicating our support in this area. CAAA will continue to be a resource for CMEA, as it seeks to grow in this area. Please read the statement here in the event that you missed prior communication.*

The Connecticut Arts Administrators Association, in our role as providers of professional development for arts administrators and arts educators throughout the state of Connecticut, would like to reiterate our strong acknowledgement of the importance of diversity, equity, inclusion and social justice in arts education.

In light of recent events involving the Connecticut Music Educators Association and the release of the All-State Chorus video, CAAA’s Executive Board encourages CMEA members and leadership to work together to achieve diversity and inclusivity in their mission of providing valuable musical opportunities for students and music educators in Connecticut. The role of professional arts organizations is increasingly important now, given the critical need to provide safe, creative, and inclusive learning environments for all students. We must speak out and support these critical values. As well, we should grow and learn from adverse situations, for we are stronger when our responses are unified, positive and resolute.

The Connecticut Arts Administrators Association values the opportunity for diversity to be celebrated and uplifted in our schools through music, visual art, and the performing arts, and recognizes the need for arts educators to continue to be educated and to grow professionally in these important areas, as we move forward together towards a better future.

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**Check out these links!**

**NFHS newsletter:** Articles surrounding copyright permissions, theater safety and “Its’ OK to Play during COVID-19” are included in this issue. Please click on the link in order to access the newsletter. <https://us20.campaign-archive.com/?u=25f7a9b243ad9edca826586a8&id=4dd903ae2e>

**Art Education Partnership:** Please click on the link in order to access this outstanding resource from Arts Education Partnership (AEP) on Arts Literacies and the intersections of arts education and literacies! [https://www.aep-arts.org/the-arts-and-literacies/?utm\\_source=ECS+Subscribers&utm\\_campaign=5e62fadfd4-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2021\\_12\\_06\\_06\\_22&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_1a2b00b930-5e62fadfd4-63615939](https://www.aep-arts.org/the-arts-and-literacies/?utm_source=ECS+Subscribers&utm_campaign=5e62fadfd4-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2021_12_06_06_22&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_1a2b00b930-5e62fadfd4-63615939)

Save the Date!

Dr. James Weaver, Director of Performing Arts and Sports for the National Federation of High Schools and a leader in the International Coalition Aerosol Study will be joining us on Saturday, March 12 at CAS in Cheshire for a 3-hour workshop.

Dr. Weaver’s presentation will focus on the aerosol study, copyright, and advocacy.

Professional Development Seminar

A Professional Development seminar is being offered by the Rhode Island Music Education Association (RIMEA) for Music Educators in RI, Southeastern MA, and Eastern Connecticut. Here is a link to the current event: [https://www.rimea.org/forms/thriving/\[rimea.org\]](https://www.rimea.org/forms/thriving/[rimea.org]). The goal of this event is to re-engage music programs and bring back the sense of normalcy. Included in this event are multiple topics including:

- Recruiting and retaining students
- Diversifying repertoire to engage students
- Caring for students’ social/emotional needs
- Incorporating technology into ensembles
- Engaging students in the rehearsal process



“Duck Pond.” Photo by Joshua Cumming, Joseph A. Foran High School, Milford, CT.

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