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Art Works Guidelines Webinar (FY17)

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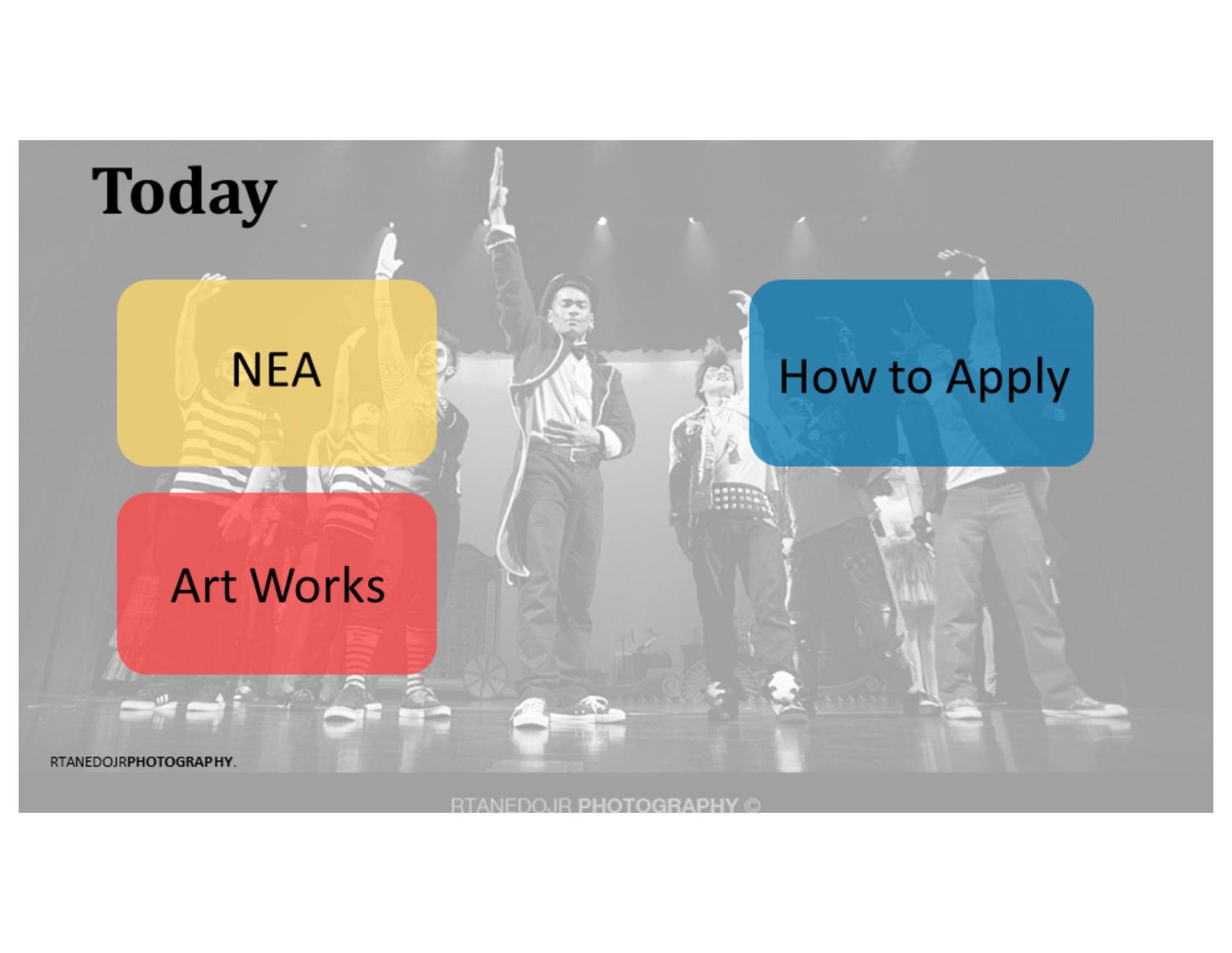
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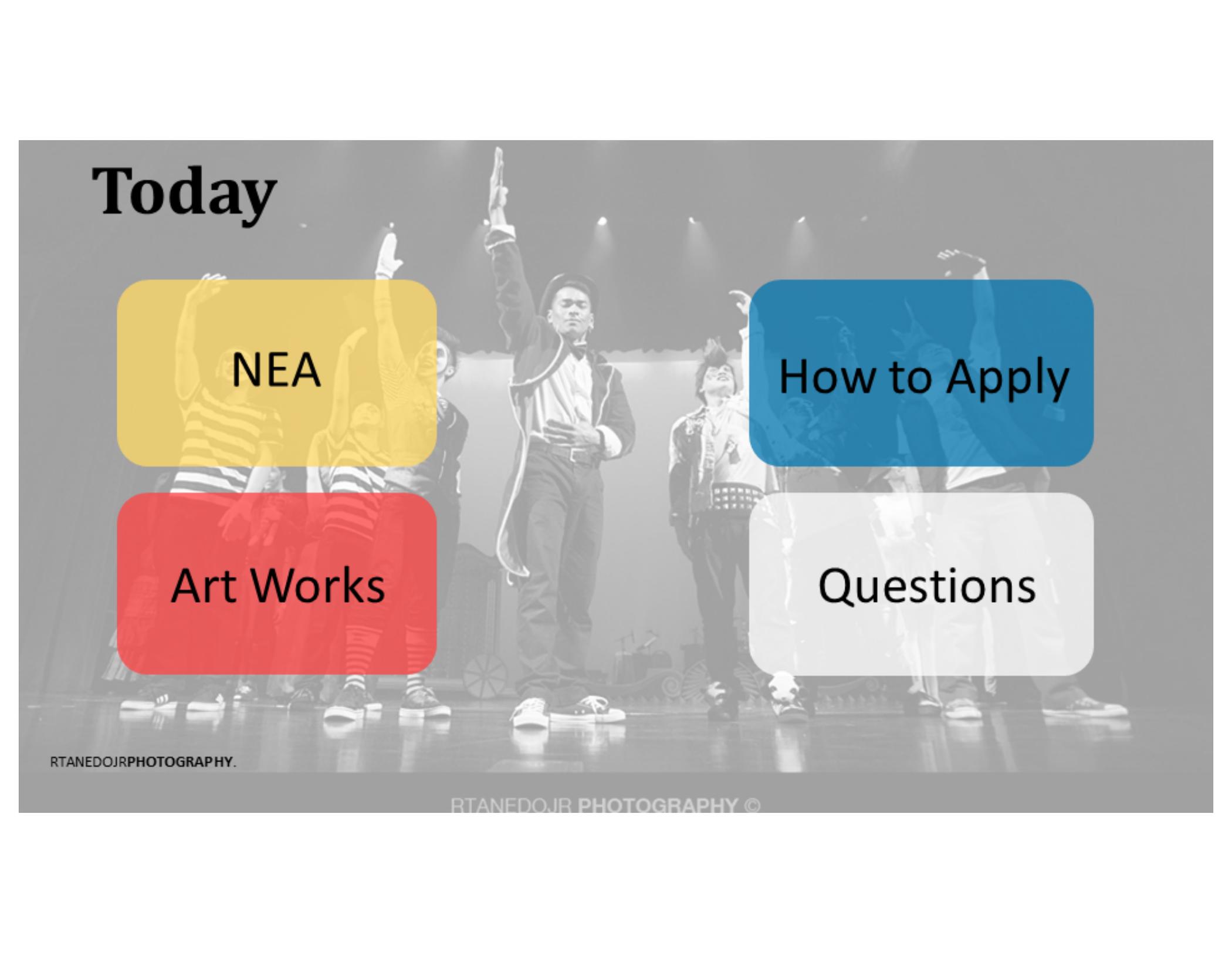


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Questions

NEA



- **Public agency**
- **Strengthen the creative capacity of communities**
- **Provide all Americans with diverse opportunities for arts participation**
- **Award grants to arts organizations of all sizes across 50 states and 6 U.S. territories**

Art Works



- Creation of art that meets the highest standards of excellence
- Public engagement with diverse and excellent art
- Lifelong learning in the arts
- Strengthening of communities through the arts

Art Works

Artist Communities

Arts Education

Dance

Design

Folk & Traditional Arts

Literature

Local Arts Agencies

Media

Museums

Music

Opera

Presenting & Multidisciplinary Works

Theater & Musical Theater

Visual Arts

Art Works

Eligible applicants:

- Nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3), U.S. organizations
- Units of state or local government
- Federally recognized tribal communities or tribes
- ✓ Three year history of programming
- ✓ Meet reporting requirements on any previous NEA awards

Art Works

Organizations may submit only one application under the Art Works guidelines, with limited exceptions such as:

- Parent (and Related) Organizations
- Applicants to Media Arts (July deadline)
- Applicants to Creativity Connects (March deadline)

Applicants to Challenge America may not submit an Art Works application unless it is for an Art Works: Creativity Connects project

You may apply to other NEA funding opportunities such as Our Town; see the guidelines for other information on application limits

Art Works

- Grant requests range from \$10,000 to \$100,000
- No grants less than \$10,000
- 1:1 nonfederal cost share/match required

Art Works

- We fund projects only
- A project does not have to be new
- We welcome projects of all sizes
- We fund any or all phases of a project

Art Works

We do not fund:

- General operating or seasonal support
- Individuals
- Individual schools
- Projects that replace arts instruction in schools
- Commercial, for-profit enterprises
- Creation of new organizations
- Re-granting
- Facility construction, purchase, or renovation
- Cash reserves or endowments

Art Works

**Application
Deadline**

Feb 18, 2016
July 14, 2016

**Panel
Review**

Spring 2016
Fall 2016

**National
Council on
the Arts
Review**

Oct 2016
March 2017

**NEA
Chairman
Approval**

Oct 2016
March 2017

**Award
Notification**

Nov 2016
April 2017

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Artistic Excellence
Artistic Merit

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Art Works Deadlines

February 18, 2016

July 14, 2016

Artist Communities and Design: February deadline only

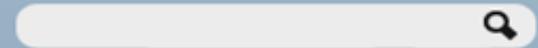
February Deadline

Step 1 - Submit SF-424 to Grants.gov	February 18, 2016
Earliest Announcement of Grant Award or Rejection	November 2016
Earliest Beginning Date for National Endowment for the Arts Period of Performance	January 1, 2017

July Deadline

Step 1 - Submit SF-424 to Grants.gov	July 14, 2016
Earliest Announcement of Grant Award or Rejection	April 2017
Earliest Beginning Date for National Endowment for the Arts Period of Performance	June 1, 2017

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The National Endowment for the Arts is an independent federal agency that funds, promotes, and strengthens the creative capacity of our communities by providing all Americans with diverse opportunities for arts participation.



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GRANTS

ART WORKS Guidelines: Grant Program Description

The guiding principle of "Art Works" is at the center of everything we do at the NEA. "Art Works" refers to three things: the works of art themselves, the ways art works on audiences, and the fact that art is work for the artists and arts professionals who make up the field.

Art works by enhancing the value of individuals and communities, by connecting us to each other and to something greater than ourselves, and by empowering creativity and innovation in our society and economy. The arts exist for beauty itself, but they also are an inexhaustible source of meaning and inspiration.

The NEA recognizes these catalytic effects of excellent art, and the key role that arts and design organizations play in revitalizing them. To deepen and extend the arts' value, including their ability to foster new connections and to exemplify creativity and innovation, we welcome projects that:

- Are likely to prove transformative with the potential for meaningful change, whether in the development or enhancement of new or existing art forms, new approaches to the creation or presentation of art, or new ways of engaging the public with art;
- Are distinctive, offering fresh insights and new value for their fields and/or the public through unconventional solutions; and
- Have the potential to be shared and/or emulated, or are likely to lead to other advances in the field.

Beyond encouraging projects that demonstrate these characteristics, we want to achieve the following four objectives through the Art Works category:



ART WORKS BASICS



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Grants generally will range from \$10,000 to \$100,000. No grants will be made below \$10,000. Grants of \$100,000 or more will be made only in rare instances, and only for projects that we determine demonstrate exceptional national or regional significance and impact. In the past few years, well over half of the agency's grants have been for amounts less than \$25,000.

To apply, choose a discipline



- Artist Communities
- Arts Education
- Dance
- Design
- Folk & Traditional Arts
- Literature
- Local Arts Agencies
- Media Arts
- Museums
- Music
- Opera
- Presenting & Multidisciplinary Works
- Theater & Musical Theater
- Visual Arts
- Creativity Connects Projects

If you have questions, **contact the staff** for the field/discipline that is most appropriate for your project.

ART WORKS Guidelines: Opera



The National Endowment for the Arts is committed to nurturing and advancing the highest levels of operatic artistry to enrich communities across the nation. Opera is a multifaceted art form that can involve singing, acting, orchestral playing, scenic artistry, costume design, lighting, and dance to convey a story or dramatic concept.

Organizations of all types and sizes are welcome to apply, including professional opera companies, opera festivals, presenting organizations, training programs, and other organizations that commission, develop, or produce fully-staged operatic works and/or concert opera.

The National Endowment for the Arts supports the commission, development, presentation, and professional recordings of new or existing operatic works; professional artist development programs and artist residencies; and projects by service organizations. Applications for collaborations and innovative projects that engage audiences in new and meaningful ways are encouraged.

Projects



Art Works applications will be accepted under two deadlines. All project types are accepted under both deadlines. Generally, an organization is limited to one application per year under the Art Works category.

Deadlines

First Art Works Deadline:

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TO APPLY: OPERA

Deadlines

First Art Works Deadline:

Step 1 - Submit SF-424 to Grants.gov	February 18, 2016
Step 2 - Submit Materials to NEA-GO	February 25, 2016 to March 3, 2016
Earliest Announcement of Grant Award or Rejection	November 2016
Earliest Beginning Date for National Endowment for the Arts Period of Performance	January 1, 2017



TO APPLY: OPERA

- Opera
 - How to Prepare and Submit an Application
 - Step 1: Submit the SF-424 to Grants.gov
 - Step 2: Submit Materials to NEA-GO

Second Art Works Deadline:

Step 1 - Submit SF-424 to Grants.gov	July 14, 2016
Step 2 - Submit Materials to NEA-GO	July 21, 2016 to July 28, 2016
Earliest Announcement of Grant Award or Rejection	April 2017
Earliest Beginning Date for National Endowment for the Arts Period of Performance	June 1, 2017

ART WORKS RESOURCES

- Art Works Guidelines Webinar
- Online Tutorial: Using the Grant Application Form (GAF)
- Sample Application Narratives
- Application Checklist
- Accessibility Checklist
- Recent Grants
- Program Evaluation Resources

Performances, presentations, and commissions

- Creation of new operatic works, especially those that are innovative or that cross genres (including commissions, residencies, and workshops with artists).
- Premieres.

How to Apply

Step 1: through Grants.gov

Then, one week later,

Step 2: through NEA Grants Online System (NEA-GO)

How to Apply

Step 1:

Successfully submit the Application for Federal Domestic Assistance (SF-424) form through Grants.gov by February 18 or July 14

That's it!

- SF-424
 - DUNS
 - System for Award Management (SAM)
 - Register with Grants.gov
 - Free systems
- Submit early!**

APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE - Short Organizational	
* 1. NAME OF FEDERAL AGENCY: [Redacted]	
2. CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE NUMBER: [Redacted]	
CFDA TITLE: [Redacted]	
* 3. DATE RECEIVED: [Redacted]	SYSTEM USE ONLY
* 4. FUNDING OPPORTUNITY NUMBER: [Redacted]	
* TITLE: [Redacted]	
5. APPLICANT INFORMATION	
* a. Legal Name: [Redacted]	
b. Address:	
* Street1: [Redacted]	Street2: [Redacted]
* City: [Redacted]	County/Parish: [Redacted]
* State: [Redacted]	Province: [Redacted]
* Country: USA: UNITED STATES	* Zip/Postal Code: [Redacted]
c. Web Address: http:// [Redacted]	
* d. Type of Applicant: Select Applicant Type Code(s): [Redacted]	* e. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): [Redacted]
Type of Applicant: [Redacted]	* f. Organizational DUNS: [Redacted]
Type of Applicant: [Redacted]	* g. Congressional District of Applicant: [Redacted]
* Other (specify): [Redacted]	
6. PROJECT INFORMATION	
* a. Project Title: [Redacted]	

How to Apply

Step 2: Use the NEA-GO system's Grant Application Form (GAF)

February Deadline:

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July Deadline:

Step 1 - Submit SF-424 to Grants.gov	July 14, 2016
Step 2 - Submit Materials to NEA-GO	July 21, 2016 to July 28, 2016



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For specific help on how to complete your application, please review the instructions in these guidelines or **contact the discipline staff that is appropriate to your project** (see "**Agency Contacts**").

2. Fill out the Grant Application Form



You will submit a substantial part of your application through the Grant Application Form (GAF) in NEA-GO, including:

- Answers to narrative questions about your organization and project.
- Financial information about your organization and project.
- Bios of key individuals.
- Upload work samples and statements of support (For certain disciplines only)

Click below to see the application questions, instructions, and information about required application materials that you will submit through the Grant Application Form in NEA-GO.

Art Works FY17 Step 2 Application Instructions:

DOWNLOAD INSTRUCTIONS



You should prepare your responses and material well in advance of the deadline and have them fully ready to upload once NEA-GO opens for you. You will not have access to the Grant Application Form until NEA-GO opens for you to submit your application materials on the dates noted above.

Note: We strongly urge you to complete and submit the Grant Application Form and upload materials outside of NEA-GO's hours of heaviest usage, generally 8:00 pm to 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, on the day of the deadline.

View Application Data

This section is the first screen you will see when you open the GAF. It cannot be edited; it is autopopulated with information you entered on the SF-424 form that was submitted to Grants.gov. If you find any incorrect information on this page, please [contact](#) the staff.

Part 1: Organizational Information

You will be asked to provide the following information in this section:

Legal Name (should match SF-424)

Popular Name (if different)

For this application, are you serving as the Parent of an Independent Component (before

How to Apply

- ✓ Read the guidelines and instructions
- ✓ Application Checklist
- ✓ Remember the review criteria (Artistic Excellence and Artistic Merit)
- ✓ Complete your Grants.gov registration now
- ✓ Prepare GAF materials early

How to Apply

We do not accept late applications: Submit early!

- By February 8th for the February 18th Grants.gov deadline
- By July 5th for the July 14th Grants.gov deadline

Complete and submit the GAF before NEA-GO's hours of heaviest usage, generally 8:00 pm - 11:59 pm, Eastern Time, on the day of the deadline

How to Apply

Please...

- Choose appropriate work samples
- Submit items in the format and within the space limitations we describe
- Only upload materials that we request

How to Apply

Tools:

- Frequently Asked Questions
- Recent Grants
- Sample Application Narratives
- Accessibility Checklist

Creativity Connects



Art Works: Creativity Connects* Guidelines Webinar
Wednesday, January 27, 2016

3:00 pm Eastern Time
Register at arts.gov

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Questions

Contact us: <http://arts.gov/grants/apply-grant/grants-organizations/agency-contacts>

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