

Toolkit for a Sustainable Life in the Arts

CAA College Art Association's *National Professional-Development Workshops for Artists* presented in partnership with **VCUarts School of the Arts Virginia Commonwealth University**

Keynote: How a Life in the Arts Can Be Sustained

Aaron Landsman

Art Home <http://arthomeonline.org>

Home buying and financial literacy program for artists. Free downloads and links.

Mint <https://www.mint.com/>

Consumer web interface for tracking personal finances.

Why Are Artists Poor? The Exceptional Economy of the Arts by Hans Abbing - Amsterdam University Press ©2002.

The Artist's Guide to Grantwriting by Gigi Rosenberg - Crown Publishing Group ©2010.

Analogue Toolkit: Pragmatic Strategies for Creating Opportunities

Karen Atkinson

Gyst: An Artist Run Company for Artists <http://www.gyst-ink.com>

Over 500 pages of free information and resources for artists.

The Making of a Hybrid (Artist) Ted Talk on You Tube <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lehUM7XxJNU>

Hybrid Artist Research Site <http://hybridartists.ning.com/>

Fractured Atlas Courses <http://www.fracturedatlas.org/u/courses/39> (Presentation Venues)

<http://www.fracturedatlas.org/u/courses/40> (GYST)

GYST Radio <http://www.blogtalkradio.com/gystradio>

Huffington Post <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/> Articles by blogger Karen Atkinson.

Getting Your Sh*t Together: A Professional Practices Manual for Artists by Karen Atkinson, GYST Team and GYST Ink Press ©2010.

Getting Your Sh*t Together: A Teaching Manual for Teaching Professional Practices to Artists by Karen Atkinson, GYST Team and GYST Ink Press ©2010.

2.0 Toolkit: Extending Opportunities through Social Media, Web Presence, New Distribution Channels, et al.

Peter Baldes

Rhizome <http://rhizome.org>

Open platforms dedicated to the creation, presentation, preservation, and critique of emerging artistic practices that engage technology.

Delicious <http://delicious.com>

The biggest collection of bookmarks in the universe.

Artists Blogs <http://www.artfaqcity.com>, <http://ilikethisart.net>, <http://butdoesitfloat.com>

Solvent Toolkit: Realizing Grant Opportunities

Sarah Cunningham

Fractured Atlas www.fracturedatlas.com

Includes an *Artist's Guide to Health Insurance*, fiscal sponsorship, tech support, international visa assistance and the NYC Performing Arts Spaces database.

Art in American Embassies Registry <http://aiep.artistroster.org>

Registry for the exhibition of art in embassies, ambassadors' homes and cultural exhibits abroad.

Sarah Cunningham, continued

LINC net: Leveraging Investments in Creativity <http://www.lincnet.net/>

Resources about the status of artists, artist-spaces, and health insurance.

Strategic National Arts Alumni Project <http://snaap.iub.edu/snaapshot/index.cfm>

Alumni Survey and national trends.

Service Organizations – Searchable data bases for career development, news, opportunities.

American Folklore Society <http://www.afsnet.org>, The Association of Performing Arts Presenters

<http://www.apap365.org>, National Alliance for Media Arts and Culture (NAMAC) <http://www.namac.org>

National Arts Educators Association <http://www.arteducators.org>

Regional Arts Agencies – Resources for funding, projects, career development.

MidAtlantic Arts Foundation (MAF) <http://www.midatlanticarts.org>

ArtsMidwest <http://www.artsmidwest.org>

SouthArts www.southarts.org,

Western States Arts Federation <http://www.westaf.org>

New England Arts Foundation <http://www.nefa.org>

Mid-American Arts Alliance <http://www.maaa.org>

Awards by Nomination – Nominate your mentors or fellow artists.

National Heritage Fellowships <http://www.nea.gov/honors/heritage/nomination.html>

Jazz Masters Fellowships <http://apps.nea.gov/Nominations/Default.aspx?pageID=2>

National Medal of the Arts <http://apps.nea.gov/Nominations/Default.aspx?pageID=3>

Crossover: How Artists Build Careers across Commercial, Nonprofit and Community Work – The

Arts Economy Initiative ©2006 http://www.haassr.org/html/resources_links/pdf/caCrossover.pdf

Melissa Potter

NYFA – New York Foundation for the Arts <http://www.nyfa.org/>

A national resource for awards, services, and information for artists and arts organizations.

CAR – Chicago Artists Resources <http://www.chicagoartistsresource.org/>

Easy to navigate, content rich resource for artists.

Re-title <http://re-title.typepad.com/opportunities/>

International artists' opportunities.

Starting Your Career as an Artist: A Guide for Painters, Sculptors, Photographers, and Other

Visual Artists by Stacey Miller and Angie Wojak - Allworth Press ©2011.

DIY Toolkits:

Innovative Models for Making Art and Collaborating with an Engaged Community

Kendall Buster

Ask Nature <http://www.asknature.org>

The online inspiration source for the biomimicry community.

Death by Architecture <http://www.deathbyarchitecture.com/recent.html?method=Search>

Features jobs, competitions, etc for architecture.

Ted Talks: Ideas Worth Spreading <http://www.ted.com> Riveting talks by remarkable people.

The World in Conversation Project <http://www.worldinconversation.org>

Creates dialogues about social and cultural issues that expand perspectives and invite greater understanding between people--locally and globally.

Methods and Materials <http://www.methodsandmaterials.com/>

Information about fine art rigging, assembly, installation, re-location, and de-installation of large-scale objects and to the careful handling of valuable artifacts.

Terreform: Mitchell Joachim <http://www.archinode.com>

Design group that integrate ecological principles in the urban environment.

Deprocess <http://www.deprocess.org/>

The digital means and methods essential to architecture.

The Monumental Impulse: Architecture's Biological Roots by George L. Hersey – MIT Press ©2001.

Hope Ginsburg

Temporary Services (Research Portal) www.temporaryservices.org/archives.html

Collections of information on groups and spaces, readings, mobile structures, public phenomena.

Creative Time Summit: Revolutions in Public Practice www.creativetime.org/programs/archives

A treasure trove of information of socially engaged public art.

Mildred's Lane www.mildredslane.com

Trade School www.tradeschool.ourgoods.org

Dialogues in Public Art by Tom Finkelppearl -The MIT Press ©2001.

Conversation Pieces: Community and Communication in Modern Art by Grant Kester - University of California Press ©2004.

Corin Hewitt

Basic Plumbing with Illustrations http://www.amazon.com/Basic-Plumbing-Illustrations-Howard-Massey/dp/0934041997/ref=pd_bxgy_b_text_b

A good starter text to become familiar with how to do basic plumbing repairs and jobs.

Complete Wiring http://www.amazon.com/Complete-Wiring-Stanley/dp/0696237105/ref=sr_1_2?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1313455322&sr=1-2

A good manual on how to do basic electrical repairs and jobs.

Renovation by Michael Litchfield http://www.amazon.com/Renovation-Completely-Michael-W-Litchfield/dp/1561585882/ref=sr_1_6?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1313455520&sr=1-6

A solid overview of building systems and home/studio renovation.

Legal Tax Deduction Worksheet- Contact corinhewitt@gmail.com for a copy.

World Wide Network of Artist Residencies <http://www.resartis.org/en/>

Recess Activities <http://recessart.org/>

A great New York funded residency where you apply to make projects that directly involve your audience.

EAF at Socrates Sculpture Park <http://www.socratessculpturepark.org/exhibitions/artist-opps.php>

An annual paid fellowship to make a public work in New York.

In the Public Realm at Public Art Fund http://www.publicartfund.org/pafweb/realms/realms_index.htm

Well funded public projects for New York Based Artists.

Additional Recommendations:

Reni Gower

College Art Association <http://www.collegeart.org/>

Artists Blogs: <http://joannemattera.blogspot.com/>, <http://www.twocoatsofpaint.com/>

Alliance of Artists Communities <http://www.artistcommunities.org> and **Res Artis**

<http://www.resartis.org/en/residencies/>

Searchable databases for over 1500 worldwide artist residency programs.

Online Catalog Publishing

Free catalog / book templates for self publishing.

Blurb Books <http://www.Blurb.com>

Lulu Books <https://www.lulu.com>

Website Templates

Created by artists for artists.

Icompendium <http://www.icompendium.com/>

Other People's Pixels <http://otherpeoplespixels.com/>

Promotional Materials

Modern postcard <http://www.modernpostcard.com/>

Digital Image Registries

Brooklyn Arts Council www.brooklynartscouncil.org

White Columns: <http://registry.whitecolumns.org/>

NURTUREart ARTIST REGISTRY <http://www.nurtureart.org/>

Irving Sandler Artist File: <http://local-artists.org/browse>

ArtSlant NY: <http://www.artslant.com/>

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The Artist's Guide to Public Art: How to Find and Win Commissions by Lynn Basa – Allworth Press ©2008.

The Artists Guide: How to Make a Living Doing What You Love by Jackie Battenfield – Da Capo Press ©2011.

Susan Schear

e-artnow.org www.e-artnow.org

Electronic information service distributing e-mail announcements related to contemporary visual arts.

Art Agenda/e-flux www.e-flux.com

An international network that reaches more than 50,000 visual art professionals on a daily basis through its website, e-mail list and special projects.

Americans for the Arts (AFTA) www.artsusa.org

National organization that supports arts and culture through private and public resource development.

Arts Journal (Douglas McLennan) www.ARTSJOURNAL.COM

Daily (Free) Digest of Arts, Culture and Ideas. A great resource of information, blogs, articles of what's going on in all arts disciplines and more.

CERF+ www.craftemergency.org

National artists' service organization whose mission is to safeguard and sustain the careers of craft artists and provide emergency resources that benefit all artists.

The Studio Protector www.stuidoprotector.org

The source for emergency preparedness and recovery information for artists.

Craft In America www.craftinamerica.org

Visual exploration of the history, vitality, and cultural significance of America's craft movement
Excellent directory of resources, significant research, and education in the field of craft.

Crafthaus www.crafthaus.ning.com

Professional craft artists display work and connect internationally across all fields of interest.

Glass Art Society (GAS) www.glassart.org

International non-profit organization to advance the appreciation, understanding and development of the glass arts worldwide.

National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts (NCECA) www.nceca.net

Site contains member / conference information, images of NCECA exhibitions and ceramic database.

The Foundation Center www.foundationcenter.org

World's leading source of information on philanthropy, fundraising, and grant programs.

National Assembly of State Arts Agencies www.nasaa-arts.org

(NASAA) Membership organization of the nation's state and jurisdictional arts agencies.

National Endowment for the Arts www.nea.gov

Independent federal agency supporting artists and arts organizations / brings art to all Americans.

Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts

Throughout many states as separate organizations serving artists' legal needs.

United States Copyright Office www.copyright.gov

U.S. Copyright Office of public record for copyright registration.

United States Patent and Trademark Office www.uspto.gov

Home page of the United States Patent and Trademark Office's main web site.

United States Small Business Administration www.sba.gov

Official website for the U.S. Small Business Administration, dedicated to providing support to small businesses across the nation.

For a digital copy of this handout – contact Reni Gower at rgower53@comcast.net

For an additional list of resources compiled by Artisin, link to

<https://blackboard.vcu.edu/bbcswebdav/users/agower/Toolkit/Artist%20Resource%20List%20Artisin.pdf>