

BArT Receives National Endowment for Arts Grant

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ADAMS, Mass. — Berkshire Arts & Technology Charter Public School will receive a federal grant of \$23,000 to support “Exploring Big Questions: Inquiry and the Arts,” an arts-integrated project that brings together teaching artists, art teachers, and teachers of other subjects to develop curricula that use the arts to develop critical thinking skills.

BArT is one of 1,145 not-for-profit national, regional, state, and local organizations recommended for a grant as part of the federal agency’s second round of fiscal]2011 grants. In total, the Arts Endowment will distribute more than \$88 million to support projects nationwide. The announcement of the grants was made by Rocco Landesman, chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts.

“We are thrilled to receive this support from the NEA,” said Julia Bowen, the school’s executive director. “The critical thinking skills fostered through the study of the arts directly supports our college-preparatory curriculum. This grant also provides our students with rich opportunities to deepen their understanding of the role the arts play in our global society.”

Arts integrated units will be taught throughout the year and will incorporate visiting artist residencies in folk music, storytelling, theater, and visual arts.

An independent agency of the federal government, the National Endowment for the Arts advances artistic excellence, creativity, and innovation for the benefit of individuals and communities.

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