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Artist application deadline coming Sept. 1

PIERRE - Artists are reminded that the deadline to apply to the South Dakota Arts Council's Artists in Schools and Communities (AISC) and Touring Arts programs is Sept. 1.

The Artists in Schools and Communities program provides intensive, hands-on training in all arts disciplines to students of all ages across the state by providing funds to schools and nonprofit organizations that bring in groups and individuals for week-long artist residencies. The artists are responsible for developing their residency lesson plans. Residencies are coordinated through the South Dakota Arts Council office as part of the Arts in Education program.

The SDAC's Touring Arts roster provides quality arts experiences in all regions of the state through a matching grant program for performances, programs and exhibits. Nonprofit organizations work directly with the artists available for booking during the two-year touring period.

Artists interested in applying for the Artists in Schools and Communities or Touring Arts programs must apply online through the SDAC's e-grants system. Hard copies of the applications will not be accepted.

For complete programming information and links to the e-grants system, visit www.arts council.sd.gov/grants/aiscartist.aspx for teaching artists or www.arts council.sd.gov/grants/taartist.aspx for touring artists.

An office of the South Dakota Department of Tourism, the South Dakota Arts Council's mission is to provide grants and services to artists, arts organizations and schools across the state, with funding from the National Endowment for the Arts and the South Dakota Legislature.

The South Dakota Department of Tourism is comprised of Tourism and the South Dakota Arts Council. The Department is led by Secretary James D. Hagen.