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Arts Education Symposium: United by Creativity

June 2, 2026



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Symposium Schedule

8:45 Arrival & Registration (Pavillion)

9:00–9:40 Welcome & Performance, Ormao Dance Co. (Pavillion)

9:50–10:50 Session #1

MS & HS: Advocating for and Sustaining Your Arts Program
(Milton Proby Room)

ELEM: Wellness: The Mindfulness and Positivity Project
(Spencer Penrose Room)

11:00–12:00 Session #2

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(Milton Proby Room)

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(Spencer Penrose Room)

12:10–1:00 Lunch & Keynote, Laurie Schell of ElevateArtsEd (Pavillion)

1:10–2:10 Session #3

ELEM: Developing Community Partnership (Pavillion)

MS & HS: Trade Secrets: An Arts Educator Skill Swap
(Julie Penrose Room)

2:20–3:20 Session #4

MS & HS: Developing Community Partnerships (Pavillion)

ELEM: Trade Secrets: An Arts Educator Skill Swap
(Julie Penrose Room)

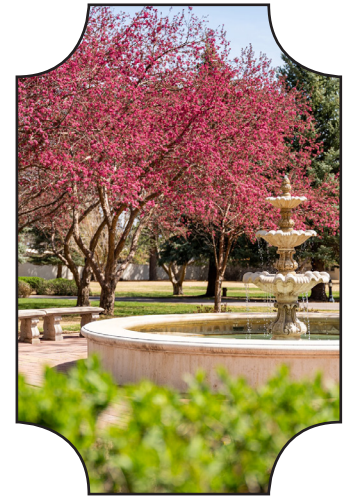
3:30–4:00 Closing & Performance, Economic Strategolutions (Pavillion)

Thought Leaders

Arts Education Symposium: United by Creativity is a focused day of collaboration and professional growth to recognize the essential role of arts education, strengthen connections between schools and local resources, and support a more unified and creative arts education community in the Pikes Peak region!

Symposium Planning Committee:

Led by Melissa O’Rear, Program Manager of Education (Cultural Office of the Pikes Peak Region) • Hannah Atencio, Visual & Performing Arts Coordinator (Colorado Springs SD 11) • Andy Bristol, Curriculum & Instruction Director (Harrison SD 2) • Joye Cook-Levy, Director and Karl Heffernan, Program Coordinator (Center for Future Audiences at Colorado Springs Philharmonic) • Kim Kincaid, Visual & Performing Arts & Athletics Facilitator (Colorado Springs SD 11) • Lauren Mason, Director of Partnerships (Colorado Springs SD 11) • Elizabeth Quevedo, Director of Community Strategies (Harrison SD 2)



Keynote Speaker: Laurie Schell

Laurie Schell is founding principal of ElevateArtsEd, providing issue expertise, advocacy coaching, and strategic planning in arts and cultural education. With over 45 years as a leader in the nonprofit and education sectors, Laurie Schell has worked to foster arts and music education through strategic alliances and partnerships, policy and advocacy campaigns, directed research, and mobilizing constituencies for action.

Teacher Facilitators:

Katey Agee • Michelle Arthur • Heather Cross • Samantha Disney-Saxton • Pamela McCreight • Jodi Papproth • Jessee Reon • Erica Skelcey • Morgan Unruh

Panelists & Session Leaders:

Stephanie Atencio • Andy Bristol • Joye Cook-Levy • Wendy Foos • Meg Fredrick
Nathan Halvorson • Wendy Harms • Marcia Hendricks • Jan Johnson • Krista Millard
Jillian Murphy • Ian Schimmel • Sarah Shephard Shaver

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