



Celebrate the Arts: #CATW2018 and Arts Advocacy Day Are Next Week

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Creative Arts Therapies Week is almost here! Use #CATW2018 to celebrate with us from March 11 to 17! The AATA will be starting the week off strong alongside members of the National Coalition of Creative Arts Therapies Associations as National Partners of Arts Advocacy Day, March 12-13. Throughout the week, the AATA will feature resources and information about the use of the creative arts therapies in treatment, prevention, and wellness. And it's not too late to join us in person at Arts Advocacy Day (AAD).

During the first training day of AAD, Immediate Past President Donna Betts, PhD, ATR-BC, will be joining music therapist Judy Simpson and drama therapist Ashley Martinez, RDT, LCAT in presenting two breakout training sessions, "Advancing Arts and Health" and "Supporting our Military and Veterans through the Arts."

Will you be joining us? Following the Hill meetings on the second day, the AATA will be hosting a reception for attending members to continue networking and sharing their experiences as advocates for art therapy and the arts (4:00-6:00 PM). Be sure to let the AATA know (info@arttherapy.org), so that we can provide you with our legislative packet and details about the reception.



Advanced registration has closed, but you can still register onsite! Check out the 2018 [Congressional Arts Handbook](#) and Arts Advocacy Day [schedule](#) for all the details. Advocating for the arts is critically important and timely. For the second year in a row, the Administration has called for the elimination of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and other cultural agencies. Last year, through the hard work of arts advocates across the nation, the U.S. Congress firmly rejected these calls for FY 2018. We remain united in our advocacy efforts to #SAVEtheNEA!

