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NEVADA MUSEUM OF ART ANNOUNCES 2025 NV STEAM CONFERENCE FOR NEVADA EDUCATORS

Bringing STEAM Learning to Life with a Free, Interactive, In-Person Experience on April 5, 2025

Reno, Nev. (Feb. 18, 2025) – Nevada Museum of Art, in partnership with DRI, today announced the return of the in-person NV STEAM Conference on Saturday, April 5, 2025. This free, annual, statewide event is a premier professional development gathering for educators and teaches strategies to incorporate Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) in the classroom. The 2025 conference theme, *The Joy of Discovery*, will explore innovative ways to inspire curiosity and creativity in students through the fusion of art and science.

“The 2025 NV STEAM Conference will provide a rich, interdisciplinary experience unlike any other,” said Colin Robertson, Senior Vice President of Education and Research at the Nevada Museum of Art. “We are excited to bring this conference back in person this year. Supporting students and educators is a core part of the Museum’s mission, and we are honored to provide an opportunity for networking and free professional development training.”

This year’s conference kicks off the evening of April 4 with a public talk and opening reception at DRI. On April 5, attendees will convene at the Museum to hear from Nik Hafermaas, an internationally recognized and award-winning designer, media artist, and educational leader from Berlin, Germany, along with Kiersten Formoso, Ph.D, a distinguished professor from Rutgers University. Through hands-on workshops and breakout sessions, educators will further explore tactics to apply the *Joy of Discovery* in their classrooms and close the day with a wine reception.

“This is not just a STEAM conference—it is an art and science convergence designed to ignite imagination and drive innovation in our classrooms,” added Emily McDonald-Williams, DRI Director of the STEM Program. “At DRI, we want to ensure broad access to this important professional development experience, and that is why we are partnering with the Nevada Museum of Art to offer travel stipends for up to 20 rural teachers.”

Conference attendees will earn 7.5 hours of professional development, equating to half the required credits to renew teacher licenses as well as salary advancement.

Registration is open for the free [2025 NV STEAM Conference on nvsteam.org](https://nvsteam.org).

If you are interested in more information or live more than 150 miles away and would like to apply for a travel scholarship, please contact Megan Bellister at megan.bellister@nevadaart.org.

ABOUT NEVADA MUSEUM OF ART

A private, nonprofit organization founded in 1931, the statewide institution was designed by architect Will Bruder. The four-level, 120,000 square foot building is inspired by geological formations in Northern Nevada and is a visual metaphor for the institution's scholarly focus on art and environment. The Museum's permanent collections are divided into thematic focus areas including the Art of the Greater West, the Altered Landscape, Contemporary Art, and Work Ethic in American art. The **Nevada Museum of Art** is the only art museum in Nevada accredited by the American Alliance of Museums (AAM).

The Museum's **Center for Art + Environment** is an internationally recognized research center that supports the practice, study, and awareness of creative interactions between people and their natural, built, and virtual environments. The Center houses significant archive materials from more than 1,000 artists working on all seven continents.

Learn more at nevadaart.org.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Nevada Museum of Art acknowledges the traditional homelands of the *Wa She Shu* (Washoe), *Numu* (Northern Paiute), *Newe* (Western Shoshone), and *Nuwu* (Southern Paiute) people of the Great Basin. This includes the 27 tribal nations that exist as sovereign nations and continue as stewards of the land. We appreciate the opportunity to live and learn on these Indigenous homelands.