Presentation available online at www.ArtsActionFund.org/ArtsVote
ArtsVote2020 is designed specifically to bring national attention to the important role of the creative economy to our nation’s political candidates who are campaigning to improve the economic, educational, and social welfare of our nation.

Importance of Iowa voters in influencing the national policies and positions of presidential candidates of all parties.
Why the Arts Matter in Iowa

www.ArtsActionFund.org/IA
Arts Policy positions:

- Increasing federal funding for the arts and humanities to an index of $1 per person for the NEA and NEH each.

- Increasing federal funding for arts education for every child and expanding STEM to STEAM.

- Creating better incentives for tax-deductible contributions to charities, including nonprofit arts organizations.

- Creating a public service Artists Corps.
1. Question: What is your personal background and experience in the arts? (check all that apply)
- Instrumental
- Vocal
- Visual
- Dance
- Theater
- Photography
- Literary
- Other

2. Question: What arts activities have you attended, participated in, or supported in the last year?
- Music
- Theater
- Visual Arts
- Dance
- Literary Arts
- Other
- None

3. Question: Would you support a plan to increase federal arts funding to the NEA to $1 per American, so that arts organizations can present even more accessible arts programs for all its residents?
- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Undecided

4. Question: Would you support full funding ($1.6 billion) of the Well-Rounded Education provisions of ESSA, including data collection of arts education programs by the states and advocating for the expansion of STEM education to STEAM by incorporating arts education?
- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Undecided

5. Question: Would you support an across-the-board charitable tax deduction for ALL—not just the taxpayers who itemize their deductions—so that individuals at all income levels will be encouraged to make tax-deductible charitable donations to their favorite charities?
- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Undecided

6. Question: Would you help create a national service Artists Corps and support legislation for artists, nonprofit arts organizations, and small businesses in the creative sector to fully access federal economic development programs?
- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Undecided

For more detailed information on these arts policy issues, please visit www.ArtsActionFund.org LegislativePriorities.

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For questions or to send survey responses, contact the Arts Action Fund at info@artsusa.org
Ben Folds: Chair of ArtsVote2020

Interviews conducted to date:

- Mayor Pete Buttigieg
- Congressman John Delaney
- Secretary Julian Castro
- Governor John Hickenlooper
- Congressman Eric Swalwell
- More coming soon …

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A podcast series on arts & politics
Dozens of grassroots advocates in 2015 and 2016 were trained in Iowa and New Hampshire to post their interactions and videos with presidential candidates...

Chris Christie speaks to NH Advocate about the arts and arts education. Arts Action Fund member Toni Pappas spoke with Governor Chris Christie about the arts - and was surprised at what he had to say.

Carly Fiorina says that "art feeds our souls." At a campaign event in Manchester, NH, an Arts Action Fund member utilized Carly Fiorina’s Candidate Arts Memo to ask a smart and specific question about arts ed.

Hillary Clinton talks arts in Iowa: "I am a strong supporter of the arts." Arts Action Fund member Kate Huffman asked former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton where she stood on arts issues, and shared in a video the candidate's response on the Arts Action website.
Advocacy Tips

➢ Wear your red Arts Advocate button
➢ Be ready to document your interaction with candidates:
   ➢ Videotape or
   ➢ Audio record or
   ➢ Photograph or
   ➢ Write down as much detail as you remember
   ➢ Post to your social media and tag the candidate
   ➢ Send to Nina at ntunceli@artsusa.org to share nationally
➢ Be succinct but memorable (i.e. Sally from Clarinda)
➢ Tell your personal story with passion
➢ Choose one arts policy question to ask the candidate
➢ Get the candidate’s staff contact to do follow up for the candidate to release a formal arts policy platform.