## National Arts Facts

### Arts Sector’s Percentage of Gross Domestic Product (Commercial & Nonprofit Arts Organizations Combined)

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<td>BONUS:</td>
<td>U.S. exports generate a $24.1 billion arts trade SURPLUS.</td>
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### Number of Arts-Related Businesses and Jobs (Commercial & Nonprofit Arts Organizations Combined)

| Jobs | Nationally 673,656 businesses employ 3.48 million people who are involved in the creation or distribution of the arts. Based on Dun & Bradstreet data, this means that 3.9% of all businesses and 1.9% of all employees are connected to the creative industries. Source: Americans for the Arts, Creative Industries, 2017. |

| ECONOMICS | Art is a $166.3 billion driver of our national, state & local economy. |

### Economic Impact of Nonprofit Arts Organizations & Their Audiences

Nationally, the nonprofit arts industry alone generates $166.3 billion in economic activity annually that supports 4.6 million jobs and generates $27.5 billion in federal, state, and local government revenue.

- Spending by arts audiences generated $102.5 billion to local businesses.


### Funding

**Q** So how much is the federal government investing in the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)?

**A** Congress has proposed allocating $155 million to the NEA in FY 2019, which has been relatively level for the last several years. This amounts to just 47¢ per capita, yet the nonprofit arts industry generates over $13 billion in federal tax revenue back to the treasury. Imagine what nonprofit arts groups could generate with $1 per capita!


**Q** What about Michigan—how much does state government budget to the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs each year?

**A** In 2015, the state allocated $9,000,000 to the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs. In FY 2017, the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs also received $761,700 in federal NEA funds, which the Council re-granted to dozens of cultural organizations throughout the state. Another 48 nonprofit arts organizations received direct grants from the NEA totaling $1,986,596.

IN THE GREAT LAKES STATE, THE ARTS UNITE US

Michigan is home to nearly 89,000 artists, arts organizations, and entrepreneurs, more than 10,000 creative businesses, hundreds of arts education programs and practitioners, and a grassroots network of community stakeholders who believe in the power of creativity to transform people and places—making Michigan a great place to live, work, invest and explore.

THE MICHIGAN COUNCIL FOR ARTS’ (MCACA) mission is to encourage, initiate, and facilitate an enriched artistic, cultural, and creative environment in Michigan. Established in 1966, the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) strengthens arts and culture in Michigan by increasing its visibility; supporting arts education; encouraging new, creative, and innovative works of art; and broadening cultural understanding. A key conduit for arts and cultural information, MCACA is also a source of arts and culture grant funding.  > Learn more here.

MEET SOME MICHIGAN ARTS ADVOCATES

• Omari Rush is the Executive Director of CultureSource, Chair of the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, and on the Board of Directors for the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies. > More

• Ara Toupouzian is the President of the Troy Chamber of Commerce and is the Chair of Creative Many Michigan. Also an award winning Armenian musician, documentary filmmaker and record producer. > More

• Nicki Flinn is an Assistant Professor of Dance at Hope College and was honored as the recipient of the National Dance Educators Organization’s annual award which is presented to a dance educator making significant contributions to the field in 2018. > More

ARTS IN MICHIGAN

• Pure Michigan lists all that the state has to offer here.

• Michigan Fun highlights festivals, fairs and events throughout Michigan here.

• Encore MI can guide you to all the great theater in the state here.

THE ARTS ARE EVERYWHERE!

• Located in northwestern Lake Huron, Thunder Bay is adjacent to one of the most treacherous stretches of water within the Great Lakes system. Unpredictable weather, murky fog banks, sudden gales, and rocky shoals earned the area the name “Shipwreck Alley.” Today, the 4300-square-mile Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary protects one of America’s best-preserved and nationally-significant collections of shipwrecks. Visit the Great Lake Maritime Heritage Center in Alpena, to see it firsthand.

• Art, Nature, and History meet at the Michigan Legacy Art Park in Thompsonville. This 30-acre wooded preserve offers an art experience and hiking trail that is uniquely “northern” Michigan.

• Head to our most western border, Ironwood, to see and hear, only one of six remaining Barton organs in the country. After a 13-year restoration project, the Ironwood Theatre regularly uses the completely playable “Grand Old Lady.” And if you know how to play, they will let you tickle the keys yourself.

• Prepare to be astounded. Three must-see attractions, 250 acres of unexpected and one awe-inspiring experience. That is what awaits you when you visit The Henry Ford, in Dearborn. Where America’s traditions of ingenuity, resourcefulness and innovation inspire people to shape a better future.

• Betcha didn’t know MI is home to the No. 1 Snowmobile Museum in North America, according to SnowGoer Magazine, Top of the Lake Snowmobile Museum is on US 2 in Naubinway.

• Michigan is home to unparalleled art and design schools from every corner of the map including; Cranbrook Academy of Art, Kendall College of Art and Design of Ferris State University, College of Creative Studies, Penny W. Stamps School of Art & Design at the University of Michigan, and Interlochen Center for the Arts.

MICHIGAN ARTS NEED YOU!

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