### Why the Arts Matter in Idaho

#### National Arts Facts

**Arts & Culture Sector’s Percentage of U.S. Economy** (Artists, University Arts, Commercial & Nonprofit Arts Organizations Combined)

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**BONUS:** U.S. exports generate a $25 billion arts trade surplus.

#### Idaho Arts Facts

**Arts & Culture Sector Represents 2.8% of State’s GDP & 21,633 Jobs**

The U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis reports that the arts and culture sector contributes $1.9 billion to Idaho’s economy, representing 2.8% of the state’s GDP—a larger share than some other industries in the state.

**BONUS:** In 2016, ID arts and culture jobs grew by 3%.

#### Businesses

**673,656 Businesses & 3.48M Employees**

- 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.


#### Economics

**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.


#### Public Investment in Grants to Nonprofit Arts Organizations & Artists

- **Q** So how much is the federal government investing in the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)?
- **A** Congress has proposed allocating $162.25 million to the NEA in FY 2020, which has been relatively level for the last several years. This amounts to just 49¢ 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!

- Read: "Funding The Arts is Good For the Nation," *The Hill*, 2015.

- **Q** What about Idaho—how much does state government budget to the Idaho Commission on the Arts each year?
- **A** The state allocated $884,700 to the Idaho Commission on the Arts. In FY 2019-20, the Idaho Commission received $791,200 in federal NEA funds, which the Commission used to help cultural organizations throughout the state. Another 9 nonprofit arts organizations received direct grants from the NEA totaling $165,000.

- Read: "Investing in the Arts is Good Business," Mark Rudin, *Idaho Staeteman*. 

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

- **In Idaho,** 2,921 Arts-Related Businesses employ 10,815 people:
  - In Ada County, 1,046 Arts-Related Businesses employ 4,114 people.
  - In Bonneville County, 215 Arts-Related Businesses employ 1,184 people.
  - In Kootenai, 306 Arts-Related Businesses employ 950 people.


- **In 2015,** Arts and cultural production supported thousands of jobs and generated millions of dollars in state and local government revenue. Nonprofit arts groups cultivate that activity:
  - In Wood River Valley specifically, nonprofit arts groups generated $15.5 million in economic activity. Audiences of 201,517 people added another $13.8 million for a total of $29.3 million in economic activity for the valley in 2015, and this generated $2.1 million in local and state government revenues.

THE IDAHO COMMISSION ON THE ARTS (ICA) was established by Governor Don Samuelson in 1967. The commission enables access to the arts, arts education, and Idahoans’ cultural and artistic heritage. ICA provides management services for Idaho’s not-for-profit arts organizations, helping to stabilize their operations so that they can reliably deliver their public programs in the arts.

>Learn more here.

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- Mark Hofflund is Managing Director of the Idaho Shakespeare Festival. > More
- Laurel Sayer is President and CEO of Midas Gold Idaho. > More
- Michael Faison is Executive Director of the Idaho Commission on the Arts. > More
- Steve Allred is Vice President and Manager of Zion’s Bank’s Bear Lake branch in Montpelier, Idaho, and Chairman of the Idaho Commission on the Arts. > More
- Blair Williams is the owner of Art Spirit Gallery, Coeur d’Alene, Idaho and Commissioner at the Idaho Commission on the Arts. > More

ARTS IN IDAHO

- Visit Idaho can direct you to the best music festivals here.
- Art-Collecting.com has a directory of art galleries and art museums to visit here.
- And go to the Idaho Commission on the Arts for an interactive map on great state-wide cultural destinations here.

IDAHO ARTS ORGANIZATIONS

Idaho Falls Arts Council: www.idahofallsarts.org
Coeur d’Alene Arts and Culture Alliance: www.artsandculturecda.org
Boise Arts & History Department: www.boiseartsandhistory.org

THE ARTS ARE EVERYWHERE!

- Starting in Idaho Falls, visit the Museum of Eastern Idaho, the Museum of Idaho, and the Artitorium, where kids can create their own art and music.
- Then head west to Hailey and for the Trailing of the Sheep Festival, which preserves the history of the families in Idaho sheep ranching and honors their contributions to the development of Idaho and the West.
- Continue west to Boise, where you can catch a performance of the Idaho Shakespeare Festival in the summer months, or the Boise Philharmonic, Opera Idaho, or Ballet Idaho during the other three seasons.
- Continue northwest to the town of Weiser, Idaho for the National Oldtime Fiddler’s Contest, an event that doubles the population of Washington County.
- Travel north to Moscow (home of the University of Idaho) for the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival and the Prichard Art Gallery.
- And finally, up in the northern panhandle of the state, you can attend the Festival at Sandpoint.

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