“The arts in Missouri are crucial to growing our state’s economy. They foster creativity and innovation within our communities and add to the cultural fabric that makes Missouri one of the best places to live and to do business.”
—Rob Dixon, Director Missouri Department of Economic Development

MISSOURI ARTS FACTS
IN THE SHOW ME STATE, THE ARTS UNITE US

Like a butterfly, Joplin has undergone a metamorphosis since 2011. Recovering from that year’s destructive tornado, the community collaborated to produce many beautiful murals throughout the town. See the murals at joplinmolife.com/murals-in-joplin.

THE MISSOURI ARTS COUNCIL—
Established as a state agency in 1965, the Missouri Arts Council is a division of the Department of Economic Development. The Missouri Arts Council supports the arts that strengthen the cultural, educational, and economic vitality of the state.

> Learn more here,

Missouri Arts Council
The State of the Arts

MEET SOME MISSOURI ARTS ADVOCATES

• Kyna Iman, advocate for Missouri Citizens for the Arts, loves the arts, duck hunting, biking, and the political process. “If you don’t take an interest in politics,” she says, “then politics may not take an interest in you.” > More

• Leslie Forrester is President of Missouri Citizens for the Arts, Executive Director of the Springfield Regional Arts Council, former staff of the Missouri Arts Council, and Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery. > More

• Phyllis Pasley, Executive Director for the Missouri Alliance for Arts Education, is passionate about involving students in the work of advocating for the arts through Show-Me Arts, Missouri’s student arts advocacy training program. > More

• Marie Nau Hunter, board member of Missouri Citizens for the Arts and former board member of the Missouri Arts Council may be heard on “Speaking-of-the–Arts” on KOPN Radio, Columbia. > More

ART IN MISSOURI

• The Missouri Division of Tourism lists the best arts destinations throughout the state here.

• Missouri Life Magazine can direct you to a cultural festival for every season here.

• The Missouri Arts Council offers a directory of great performing artists here.

MISSOURI ART ORGANIZATIONS
Missouri Citizens for the Arts
www.mo4arts.org
Missouri Alliance for Arts Education
www.moaae.org
Missouri Association of Community Arts Agencies
www.macaa.net

THE ARTS ARE EVERYWHERE!

• Now in its 26th year, the St. Louis Art Fair is ranked in the top ten art fairs and festivals to visit by Art Fair Sourcebook. And the Festival of Nations is the region’s largest multicultural celebration featuring dance, music, arts and crafts, and an international bazaar with unique gifts from around the world.

• In Hannibal, the birthplace of Samuel Clemens, the literature of Mark Twain continues to inspire, engage, and entertain, and the man himself makes an appearance at least once a year at the Twain on Main Festival.

• If you value fact over fiction, you would enjoy going to Columbia for the True/False Film Festival, called “The most important documentary festival in America” by the Los Angeles Times.

• It’s been said that “while New Orleans was the birthplace of jazz, America’s music grew up in Kansas City.” Whether you hear it in the iconic Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts, or nightly at clubs across the City, it is the best place to get to know KC jazz.

• In Springfield, the Missouri State University and Springfield Arts Council partner to create ideaXfactory (which stands for Innovation, Design, Entrepreneurship, and Art). There you can take in site-specific art installations, non-traditional art projects, and contemporary art exhibitions.

• West Plains is a place where unspoiled natural beauty, hardscrabble ingenuity, and tenacity in the face of unforgiving land have defined generations. Traditional arts are central to the culture and embedded in daily life. The Old-Time Music and Ozark Heritage Festival shows how the people of West Plains celebrate their culture.

• In Cape Girardeau First Friday with the Arts gallery walks and annual Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit help further the revitalization of downtown.

To View the Top 10 Reasons to Support the Arts, Click Here.

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