ARTS & CULTURE SECTOR REPRESENTS 4.5% OF NATION’S GDP & 5.1 MILLION JOBS
The U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis reports that nationally the arts and culture sector contributes $878 billion industry, representing 4.5% of the nation’s GDP—a larger share of the economy than construction or education services.

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.

NUMBER OF ARTS-RELATED BUSINESSES AND JOBS (Commercial & Nonprofit Arts Organizations Combined)

In Oklahoma, 5,406 Arts-Related Businesses employ 39,911 people. The state allocated $2,912,531 to the Oklahoma Arts Council each year.

In 2015, nonprofit arts organizations in the state generated $872.8 million in economic activity annually that supported 29,165 jobs and generated $84.5 million in state and local government revenue. In the Greater Oklahoma City Region, nonprofit arts groups generated $220.5 million in economic activity. Audiences of 8.5 million people added another $382.3 million in related spending for a total of $602.7 million for the city in 2015, and this generated $61.7 million in local and state government revenues.

In 2017, OK arts and culture jobs generated $2.3 billion in total compensation. What about Oklahoma—how much does state government give to the Oklahoma Arts Council each year?

ECONOMICS

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!

PUBLIC INVESTMENT IN GRANTS TO NONPROFIT ARTS ORGANIZATIONS & ARTISTS

Q What about Oklahoma—how much does state government budget to the Oklahoma Arts Council each year?
A The state allocated $2,912,531 to the Oklahoma Arts Council. In FY 2020, the Oklahoma Arts Council also received $753,650 in federal NEA funds, which the Council re-granted to dozens of cultural organizations throughout the state. Another 229 nonprofit arts organizations received direct grants from the NEA totaling $240,000.

NATIONAL ARTS FACTS

ARTS & CULTURE SECTOR’S PERCENTAGE OF U.S. ECONOMY (Artists, University Arts, Commercial & Nonprofit Arts Organizations Combined)

In 2017, OK arts and culture jobs generated $2.3 billion in total compensation. What about Oklahoma—how much does state government give to the Oklahoma Arts Council each year?

OKLAHOMA ARTS FACTS

OKLAHOMA ARTS & CULTURE SECTOR REPRESENTS 2.3% OF STATE’S GDP & 42,010 JOBS
The U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis reports that the arts and culture sector contributes $4.3 billion to Oklahoma’s economy, representing 2.3% of the state’s GDP—a larger share than some other industries in the state.

In Oklahoma, 5,406 Arts-Related Businesses employ 39,911 people.
• In Cleveland County, 394 Arts-Related Businesses employ 1,573 people.
• In Oklahoma County, 1,519 Arts-Related Businesses employ 22,666 people.
• In Tulsa County, 1,580 Arts-Related Businesses employ 8,489 people.
While the Oklahoma Arts Council’s budget is less than 1/10th of 1 percent of the state government’s budget, the Council’s grants have a powerful multiplying effect. $1 in OAC state appropriation helps generate $6 in state and local tax revenues.

OKLAHOMA ARTS FACTS

IN THE SOONER STATE, THE ARTS UNITE US
The annual Oklahoma Arts Conference convenes hundreds of individuals involved in the state’s arts and cultural industry for two-plus days of sessions, panels, networking and events.

THE OKLAHOMA ARTS COUNCIL—
The Oklahoma Arts Council advances Oklahoma’s thriving arts industry, which in turn improves education, enhances the quality of life, and boosts economic development. Prior to 1965 public funding for the arts in Oklahoma was virtually non-existent. Realizing the importance of giving all Americans, in rural and urban areas, access to arts and culture, the state established what would become the arts council in 1965.

MEET SOME OKLAHOMA ARTS ADVOCATES

• Chairman of NBC Oklahoma Bank Ken Fergeson, is the former chairman of the Mid-America Arts Alliance Board, past chairman of the national organization, Americans for the Arts, and serves on the boards of various arts associations. > More
• David Holt, Mayor of Oklahoma City and a former state senator, has championed the arts throughout his career at both a municipal and state level. > More
• Tonnie Dosser is the Executive Director of Oklahomans for the Arts. > More

ART IN OKLAHOMA

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• KOSU radio offers a calendar of community arts events in Oklahoma here.

OKLAHOMA ART ORGANIZATIONS

Oklahomans for the Arts
ok4arts.org
Oklahoma Museums Association
okmuseums.org
Oklahoma Visual Arts Coalition
ovac-ok.org

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OKLAHOMA ARTS FACTS

THE ARTS ARE EVERYWHERE!

• Experience a who’s who of today’s brightest stars in classical, jazz and folk music, as well as theater, classical ballet, folk dance and more at the Armstrong Auditorium in Edmond.
• The Philbrook Museum of Art, housed in an Italian style villa in Tulsa, has numerous exhibits from European, American, Asian, Native American and African artists and is surrounded by acres of lush gardens. Take the whole family to the Gathering Place, a public park located alongside Riverside Drive. Spanning over 100 acres, Gathering Place offers guests a one-of-a-kind playground, gardens, trails, boat rentals, restaurants, outdoor concerts, events and so much more!
• Located on Route 66 and nestled in the northeast corner of Oklahoma in Miami, the Coleman Theatre is a beacon for tourists from around the world.
• Experience four blissful days of music, storytelling, children’s activities and poetry readings at the Woody Guthrie Folk Festival in Okemah.
• Held each fall, the Beavers Bend Folk Festival & Craft Show showcases turn-of-the-century arts and crafts.
• The National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum the Museum, located in Oklahoma City, collects, preserves, and exhibits an internationally renowned collection of Western art and artifacts.
• Lawton is home to the Arts for All Festival the second weekend of May.

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

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