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

• Find arts & cultural activities for the whole family here.
• TravelOK.com can direct you to the best venues of live theater and dance performances here.
• 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

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.

OKLAHOMA ARTS NEED YOU!

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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.


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