

## The arts profoundly impact *all* South Dakotans.

### HERE ARE THE FACTS ABOUT THE ARTS IN SOUTH DAKOTA:

- In Fiscal Year 2021, the South Dakota Arts Council awarded nearly **\$1.3 million** in grant support to arts organizations, schools, artists and other nonprofit organizations to support arts projects and programs throughout the state, **resulting in \$13.5 million in local spending** on supported projects and programs (these figures do not include the \$1 million in emergency pandemic-relief funds distributed by the state Arts Council during this same period).
- **Every \$1 invested in the arts in South Dakota by the state Arts Council returned another \$32.62!**
- South Dakota Arts Council co-sponsored activities reached an audience of **749,066 people**, including 124,548 youth and involving 6,929 artists—all in one year.
- The Artists In Schools & Communities program placed professional teaching artists in **31 different sites across the state and provided over 100 weeks of arts education residencies** to 5,856 students of all ages.
- The South Dakota Arts Council Touring Arts program sponsored **140 events** and performances in **109 different sites across South Dakota**, reaching 6,355 youth and 5,751 adults.
- In Fiscal Year 2021, the SDAC grants, initiatives and special projects budget made up nearly 70 percent of the agency's overall budget, resulting in **299 grants** that reached 46 different communities and **over half of South Dakota counties**.

Source: *State Fiscal Year 2021 South Dakota Arts Council Annual Report, July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021.*

### Americans Speak Out About the Arts

Americans for the Arts conducted a national public opinion poll which provides an in-depth look at perceptions and attitudes about the arts in the United States.

#### Art institutions add value to our communities.

90% agree the arts are important to our quality of life.

86% agree the arts are important to local businesses and the economy.

#### We will support candidates who want to increase arts funding.

Americans are more than twice as likely to vote in favor of a candidate who increases arts spending from 45 cents to \$1 per person than to vote against those candidates—37% to 18%.

#### The arts provide meaning to our lives.

81% agree that the arts are “a positive experience in a troubled world.”

73% agree that the arts give them “pure pleasure to experience and participate in.”

69% agree that the arts “lift me beyond everyday experiences.”

*For more information on the above data, go to [www.AmericansForTheArts.org/PublicOpinion](http://www.AmericansForTheArts.org/PublicOpinion).*



**Arts South Dakota**, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, enriches the lives of South Dakotans and their visitors, by advancing the arts through service, education and advocacy.

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# Thanks to our partnership with the NEA, the arts are enhancing the quality of life in every corner of South Dakota— AND BUILDING OUR ECONOMY!

## In the Black Hills region:

- Arts and cultural organizations spend \$22.9 million a year.
- Audiences for arts and cultural events spend an additional \$91.3 million annually.
- **Total economic impact in the Black Hills region is \$114,309,068.**
- The arts and culture industry supports 3,573 jobs with a payroll of \$70.8 million.
- Local government revenue from arts organizations and audiences is \$3.8 million.
- State government revenue generated from arts and cultural organizations and audiences is \$6.25 million.

Source: *Arts & Economic Prosperity 5: The Economic Impact of Nonprofit Arts and Cultural Organizations and Their Audiences in the Black Hills Region.*

## In the Greater Sioux Falls region:

- Arts and cultural organizations spend \$20.6 million a year.
- Audiences for arts and cultural events spend an additional \$84.9 million annually.
- **Total economic impact in the Sioux Falls region is \$105,447,594.**
- The arts and culture industry supports 3,567 jobs with a payroll of \$71.1 million.
- Local government revenue from arts organizations and audiences is \$3.4 million.
- State government revenue generated from arts and cultural organizations and audiences is \$5.23 million.

Source: *Arts & Economic Prosperity 5: The Economic Impact of Nonprofit Arts and Cultural Organizations and Their Audiences in the Greater Sioux Falls Region.*

Data collection for Arts & Economic Prosperity 6 is currently in progress. Watch for an updated report in late 2023.

## U.S. Arts Industry: 4.2% of the nation's GDP

Research by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis shows that the nonprofit and for-profit arts are a \$763.6 billion industry that directly employs 4.92 million arts workers. This represents 4.2% of the nation's GDP—  
**a larger share of the economy than transportation, tourism and agriculture.**

Arts organizations are resilient and entrepreneurial businesses. They employ people locally, purchase goods and services from within their communities, and market and promote their regions. Arts businesses are rooted locally. These are jobs that cannot be shipped overseas.



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Americans for the Arts (AFTA) has established an Arts Mobilization Center for up to the minute info on the arts at the federal level, and you can sign up for the Arts Action Fund. [www.americansforthearts.org/news-room/arts-mobilization-center](http://www.americansforthearts.org/news-room/arts-mobilization-center)