

The National Endowment for the Arts is the only funder, public or private, that supports the arts in all **50 States** in the United States.

**In the past 5 years...** The National Endowment for the Arts distributed more than **\$6,983,500** in grants in **Colorado**.



In one year alone...

- Arts and cultural production in Colorado added **4.4%**, or **\$14.5 billion** to the state's economy.
- Colorado's arts and cultural industries employ **103,274** workers. These workers earn wages and benefits totaling **\$7.2 billion**.
- **44.4%** of Colorado's adults attended live music, theater, or dance performances, while **30.1%** attended art exhibits.

### National Endowment for the Arts Programs from FY16-FY18

The **Blue Star Museums** program provided free admission to thousands of active military personnel and their families at **138 participating museums** in Colorado.

The **Poetry Out Loud** is a national competition which develops communication skills, presence, and confidence through the study, memorization, and public recitation of poetry. In Colorado, over **10,780 students** participated from among **89** high schools.

The **Big Read** program generated **190** community events focused on reading outstanding American literature and involving more than **17,830** adults and students in Colorado.

The **Shakespeare in American Communities** program enabled schools in Colorado to offer **6,500** children the opportunity to see free live professional performances of Shakespeare.

The **Creative Forces** program is expanding access to creative arts therapies and arts engagement opportunities for injured service members, veterans, and their families and caregivers. Fort Carson is participating in this innovative program.



### 2019 Agency Calendar of Events

**Blue Star Museums: Armed Forces Day (5/18) - Labor Day (9/2)**

**June Meeting of the National Council on the Arts: 6/19-6/21**

**National Book Festival: 8/31**

**National Heritage Fellows Awards & Concert: 9/18-9/20**

**October Meeting of the National Council on the Arts: 10/24-10/25**



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