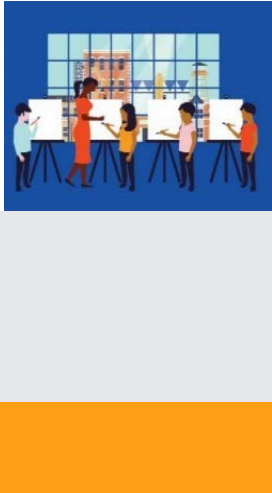




The National Endowment for the Arts is the only funder, public or private, that supports the arts in all **50 States** in the United States.

**In the past 5 years...** The National Endowment for the Arts distributed more than **\$3,761,000** in grants in **Maine**.



In one year alone...

- Arts and cultural production in Maine added **2.6%**, or **\$1.5 billion** to the state's economy.
- Maine's arts and cultural industries employ **16,618** workers. These workers earn wages and benefits totaling **\$0.8 billion**.
- **29.8%** of Maine's adults attended live music, theater, or dance performances, while **16.9%** 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 **65 participating museums** in Maine.

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 Maine, over **28,980 students** participated from among **127** high schools.

The **Big Read** program generated dynamic community reading programs, each designed around outstanding American literature.

The **Shakespeare in American Communities** program enabled schools in Maine to offer **5,500** 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.



**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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Examples of Schools & Organizations Receiving Past Endowment Support Include:

**ME-1**

- Maine Film Center*
- A Company of Girls*
- Casco Bay High School*
- Erskine Academy*
- Yarmouth Historical Society*
- Portland Ballet Company*
- Old York Historical Society*
- Brick Store Museum*
- Maine College of Art*
- Farnsworth Art Museum*
- Bowdoin International Music Festival*
- Kennebunk High School*
- Oratorio Chorale*
- Harpswell Historical Society*
- Mayo Street Arts*
- General Henry Knox Museum*

**ME-2**

- Haystack Mountain School of Crafts*
- Penobscot Marine Museum*
- University of Maine*
- Bangor Symphony Orchestra*
- Celebration Barn Theater*
- Outdoor Sporting Heritage Museum*
- Maine Indian Basketmakers Alliance*
- Vienna Union Hall Association*
- Stanley Museum, Inc.*
- Schoodic Arts for All*
- River City Cinema*
- LC Bates Museum*
- Tree Street Youth*
- Penobscot Marine Museum*
- St. Dominic Academy*
- Belfast Free Library*

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