



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

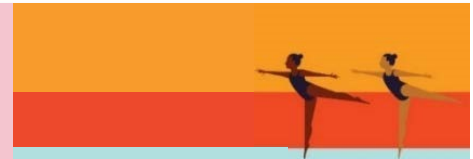
The **Blue Star Museums** program provided free admission to thousands of active military personnel and their families at **65 participating museums** in Maine.

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





NOTEWORTHY

Examples of Schools & Organizations Receiving Past Endowment Support Include:

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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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