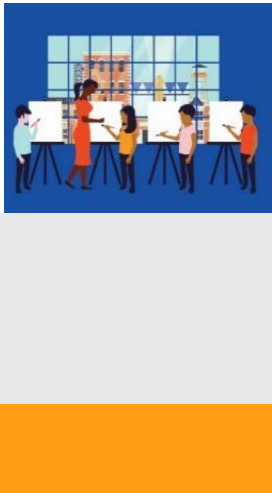




The National Endowment for the Arts is the only funder, public or private, that supports the arts in all **50 States** in the United States.

In the past 5 years... The National Endowment for the Arts distributed more than **\$3,408,200** in grants in **Mississippi**.



In one year alone...

- Arts and cultural production in Mississippi added **2.3%**, or **\$2.5 billion** to the state's economy.
- Mississippi's arts and cultural industries employ **25,817** workers. These workers earn wages and benefits totaling **\$1.2 billion**.
- **17.8%** of Mississippi's adults attended live music, theater, or dance performances, while **7.6%** 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 **28 participating museums** in Mississippi.

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 Mississippi, over **10,300 students** participated from among **97** high schools.

The **Big Read** program generated **21** community events focused on reading outstanding American literature and involving more than **690** adults and students in Mississippi.

The **Shakespeare in American Communities** program enabled schools to offer 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:

MS-1

Tupelo Film Commission
Desoto Family Theatre
Natchez Opera Festival
Panola Playhouse
Yocona International Folk Festival
Holly Springs Main Street Chamber
Midsouth Music Institute
New Albany Main Street Association

MS-3

Brandon High School
Greater Hellhave Neighborhood Association
Mississippi's Children's Museum
New State Theater
The Temple Theatre
Celtic Heritage Society
Jackson Academy
Starkville Area Arts Council

MS-2

BB King Museum
Alcorn State University
Grammy Museum
Mississippi Water Valley High School
Rock 'n Roll Museum
Mississippi Puppetry Guild
Sunflower River Blues Association
Ballet Mississippi

MS-4

Walter Anderson Museum of Art
Gulf Coast Messiah Chorus
Gallery 782
Lauren Rogers Museum of Art
Public art Project of Ocean Springs
Boys and Girls Club of the Gulf Coast
Hattiesburg Arts Council
University of Southern Mississippi

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