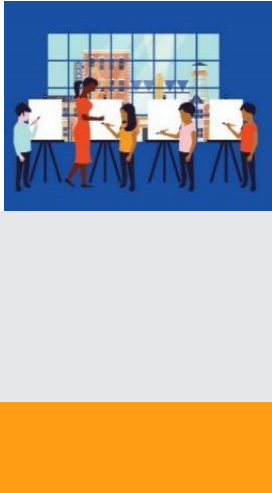




The National Endowment for the Arts is the only funder, public or private, that supports the arts in all **50 States** in the United States.

In the past 5 years... The National Endowment for the Arts distributed more than **\$6,233,500** in grants in **Tennessee**.



In one year alone...

- Arts and cultural production in Tennessee added **4.2%**, or **\$14.2 billion** to the state's economy.
- Tennessee's arts and cultural industries employ **86,816** workers. These workers earn wages and benefits totaling **\$5.7 billion**.
- **25.7%** of Tennessee's adults attended live music, theater, or dance performances, while **13.7%** 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 **118 participating museums** in Tennessee.

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 Tennessee, over **8,770 students** participated from among **86** high schools.

The **Big Read** program generated **180** community events focused on reading outstanding American literature and involving more than **14,960** adults and students in Tennessee.

The **Shakespeare in American Communities** program enabled schools in Tennessee to offer **14,500** 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:

TN-1

*Andrew Johnson High School
Easter Tennessee State University
Rocky Mount Historical Society
International Storytelling Association
Birthplace of Country Music Alliance*

TN-2

*Cades Cove Museum
Abraham Lincoln Library and Museum
Hola Hora Latina
Jubilee Community Arts
Big Ears Festival
Mount Olive Music Academy*

TN-3

*Children's Museum of Oak Ridge
Ballet Tennessee
Chattanooga Autism Center
Museum of Appalachia
Hunter Museum of Art
Berean Academy*

TN-4

*Cowan Railroad Museum
Jasper Middle School
Lee University
Kids for the Creative Arts
Rhea Arts Council*

TN-5

*Belcourt Theatre
Watkins Institute
Country Music Foundation
Vanderbilt University
Nashville Jazz Workshop
Oasis Center*

TN-6

*Greater Gallatin
Maple Gove Elementary
Portland High School
VSA Arts Tennessee
Cumberland County Playhouse
Historic Mansker's Station*

TN-7

*Arts in McNairy
Clarksville High School
Roxy Productions
McEwen High School
Gateway Orchestra*

TN-8

*Alamo City School
Theatre Memphis
Davies Manor Plantation
Art for Life's Sake
Haywood High School
Bartlett Historical Society*

TN-9

*Crosstown Artists
Indie Memphis
University of Memphis
Hattiloo Theatre
Soulsville Foundation
Blues City Cultural Center*

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