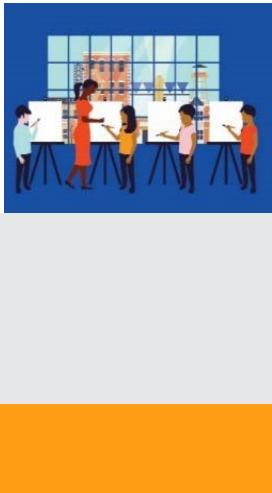




The National Endowment for the Arts is the only funder, public or private, that supports the arts in all **50 States** in the United States.

In the past 5 years... The National Endowment for the Arts distributed more than **\$2,930,000** in grants in **West Virginia**.



In one year alone...

- Arts and cultural production in West Virginia added **2.3%**, or **\$1.6 billion** to the state's economy.
- West Virginia's arts and cultural industries employ **18,326** workers. These workers earn wages and benefits totaling **\$0.9 billion**.
- **21.5%** of West Virginia's adults attended live music, theater, or dance performances, while **9.8%** 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 **43 participating museums** in West Virginia.

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 West Virginia, over **13,730 students** participated from among **130** high schools.

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

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:

WV-1

Lincoln High School
Notre Dame High School
West Virginia Botanic Garden
Preston Community Arts Museum of West Virginia University
Oglebay Institute
West Virginia Filmmakers Guild
Smoot Theatre Corporation
Parkersburg Art Center
Wheeling Park High School
Weir High School
John Marshall High School
Morgantown High School
Paden City High School
Spark! Imagination & Science Center

WV-2

Charleston Chamber Music Society
Hurricane High School
Allied Artist of West Virginia
Davis and Elkins College
Morgan Arts Council
Old Brick Playhouse
Berkeley Arts Council
Bill Howley Research
Tamarack Foundation
Charleston WV Blues Society
Shepherd University
Riverside High School
Nitro High School
Ripley High School
West Virginia Symphony Orchestra

WV-3

Daniels Elementary School
Carnegie Hall
Greenbrier Valley Chorale
Huntington Museum of Art
James Monroe High School
Liberty High School
Monroe Arts Alliance
Tug Valley Arts Council
Heritage Farms Foundation
Allegheny Echoes
Lunar Stratagem
Beckly Concert Association
Woodrow Wilson High School
Shady Spring High School
High Rocks Educational Corporation
Richwood High School

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