

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 **\$18,081,805** in grants in **Tennessee**.



PC Ryan P. DeWolfe works with Danielle Vetro Kalseth, Music Therapist, HJF, in support of Creative Forces at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER) in Anchorage, Alaska. Army photo/John Pennell

In one year alone...

- Arts and cultural production in Tennessee added **4.0% or \$21.2 billion** to the state's economy.
- Tennessee's arts and cultural industries employed **108,773** workers. These workers earned wages and benefits totaling **\$8.7 billion**.
- **36.3%** of Tennessee's adults attended live music, theater, or dance performances, while **11.0%** attended art exhibits.

National Endowment for the Arts Programs



The **Blue Star Museums** program provided free admission to thousands of active military personnel and their families at **78 participating museums** in Tennessee.



More than **1,354 students** from **89 high schools** in Tennessee participated in **Poetry Out Loud**.



The **NEA Big Read** program generated community events focused on reading outstanding American literature and involving more than **8,772** adults and students in Tennessee.



The **Shakespeare in American Communities** program in Tennessee enabled schools to offer **7,379** children the opportunity to see live professional performances of Shakespeare, or to engage in educational programs.



Creative Forces brings creative arts therapies to military personnel and veterans who are experiencing post-traumatic stress, mild traumatic brain injury, and related psychological illnesses. The program also offers community arts programming to improve the well-being and resilience of all military-connected people.

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Various Locations of Arts Endowment-Supported Projects

TN-01

ANDREW JOHNSON NATIONAL CEMETERY
CHESTER INN STATE HISTORIC SITE AND MUSEUM
INTERNATIONAL STORYTELLING CENTER
MORRISTOWN-HAMBLÉN HIGH SCHOOL EAST
NASHVILLE SCHOOL OF THE ARTS
NORTHEAST STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
VOLUNTEER HIGH SCHOOL

TN-02

COMMUNITY CHURCH AT TELlico VILLAGE
DISCO INSTITUTE
FIFTH AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH
HARDIN VALLEY ACADEMY
KNOX HIGH APARTMENT LIVING
KRUTCH PARK
WEST HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

TN-03

CHATTANOOGA PUBLIC LIBRARY
CLEVELAND YOUTH ACADEMY
GIRLS INC.
HUNTER MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART
KINGSHIP CHESS GROUP
REFLECTION RIDING
TIVOLI THEATRE

TN-04

CENTRAL MAGNET SCHOOL
GATEWAY ISLAND
GEORGIA HIGHLANDS COLLEGE BOOKSTORE
MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY
MURFREESBORO CIVIC PLAZA
ROCKVALE HIGH SCHOOL

TN-06

CUMBERLAND COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
DONALSEN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
METRO ARTS OFFICES
NHC PLACE SUMNER
PARNASSUS BOOKS
THE ARTS CENTER OF CANNON COUNTY
WINDLANDS EAST

TN-07

AUSTIN PEAY STATE UNIVERSITY BOOKSTORE
CENTENNIAL PERFORMING ARTS STUDIOS
CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
CLARKSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
NASHVILLE SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL
PORCH WRITERS' COLLECTIVE HQ
RYMAN AUDITORIUM

TN-08

BARTLETT HIGH SCHOOL
BETH SHOLOM SYNAGOGUE
CHRIST METHODIST DAY SCHOOL
CIRCLE MUSIC CENTER
DOGWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
HUMBOLDT
WHITE STATION HIGH SCHOOL

TN-09

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
COLLAGE DANCE COLLECTIVE
COURT SQUARE
CRENSHAW LIBRARY
MEMPHIS SLIM HOUSE
OVERTON SQUARE

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Tennessee Arts Commission

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